Russia Warns

By Celestine Bohlen MOSCOW — Russia took sharp exception

night, making the Baltic nation the second

former Communist state after Albania to seek a place in the Western military alliance. The reaction from Moscow was swift and

negative. President Boris N. Yeltsin's spokesman. Vyacheslav Kostikov, warned Wednesday

that any moves to expand the North Atlantic Treaty Organization could "trigger military-political destabilization in the region."

"The president of Russia is concerned over the tendency of expanding the bloc," Mr. Kos-

Clinton points out a lack of agreement in Europe on NATO expansion. Page 2.

tikov said. "Promotion of such a tendency

would contradict the proclaimed intentions to

build relations on principles of trust, partner-

Lithuania's bid and Russia's response came as other East European countries stepped up

the pressure on the Western alliance to expand

its membership on the eve of a NATO summit meeting, which begins Monday in Brussels.

Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia are looking to NATO for security guarantees following Russian parliamentary elections last month in which the ultranationalist Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky scored an impression visit.

Russian diplomats in turn have contended that any move to expand the alliance would

only strengthen the hand of ultranationalists. by giving them proof of the West's efforts to Two U.S. senators, Sam Nunn, Democrat of

Indiana, said Wednesday that senior Russian military officials had reiterated this week their opposition to any "premature, or sudden changes" in NATO's status during the meeting

in Brussels, which will be attended by President

The United States, looking for ways to bal-

ance the fears of Moscow's former satellites and

Russia's own security concerns, has offered a

compromise initiative, known as a Partnership

for Peace, that would allow for military cooperation with former Warsaw Pact countries, with-

That formula, which carries with it the pros-

pect for membership in the alliance at some

distant point in the future, has been welcomed

by Moscow, but dismissed by some East Euro-

ean leaders as unsatisfactory.
Lithuania's formal bid to join NATO came

as a surprise even to its two Baltic neighbors.

Estonia and Latvia, which are still engaged in delicate negotiations with Moscow over the

withdrawai of Russian troops from the region.

move was largely symbolic, since Mr. Brazaus-

kas — a former Communist who has advocated

a more cooperative relationship with Moscow

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Western diplomats said that Lithuania's

out any specific security guarantees.

ship and balance of forces.

France Presses the U.S. To Intervene in Bosnia

Paris Seeks Military Steps Against Serbs And Will Raise Issue at NATO Summit

By Alan Riding New York Times Service

PARIS - Determined that the war in the former Yugoslavia should not be overlooked at the NATO summit meeting in Brussels on Monday, France is pressing the United States to join Western Europe in a more direct military intervention in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Senior French officials have specifically urged the United States to help relieve Serbian pressure on the Muslim enclaves of Tuzla and Stehrenica. But they have also warned Washington that the credibility of the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is increasingly at stake in Bosnia.

Even though the conflict is not formally on the agenda of the Brussels summit meeting, the officials said, President François Mitterrand and Prime Minister Edouard Balladur intend to raise the issue when they meet with President Bill Clinton and other NATO leaders next

"We will ask the United States to intervene and help us so that this war does not extend to the south of Europe and throughout the Bal-kans," Defense Minister François Leotard said Monday, echoing new French alarm about the descriptation of the situation in Bosnia.

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Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said it was essential for the United Nations role to be reinforced and better defined. He also endorsed the view of General Jean Cot, the French officer who commands United Nations troops in former Yugoslavia, that the force was equipped to act effectively.

. But while Britain and Canada have recently warned that they may soon withdraw troops they have assigned to the peacekeeping force,

France is now playing down reports that it might pull out its 6,000 soldiers.

"No one would understand if we were to leave Sarajevo now in winter," Mr. Juppé said.

Nonetheless, for the fust time in many months. France same saver to involve the months. France seems eager to involve the United States again in a conflict that the Clin-

Washington's UN envoy, in Zagreh, warm Crossia that it could face sanctions. Page 2

European problem. Britain, Spain and the Netherlands are also reportedly hoping Wash-

ington will take on a larger role in the crisis.

The Dutch foreign minister, Pieter Kooymans, said Wednesday that he and the Dutch prime minister, Rund Lubbers, and told Mr. Clinton during a visit to the White House the day before that the foremer Vascolonia was a day before that the former Yugoslavia was a problem that affected the entire Atlantic alliance and not just Europe. Mr. Kooymans said the Muslim-led Bosnian

government was more likely to accept a peace agreement if assured that American forces would participate in a peacekeeping force. "There is also the symbolic value of the American pressure as a deterrent in effect to aggressors, he said. That was the message we

sident Clinton. But Mr. Kooymans said that Mr. Clinton See BOSNIA, Page 2



ATHENS'S TURN AT HELM — European Commission members assembling Wednesday in Athens as Greece took over the European Union presidency. Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, first row, fourth from left, joined them. At a press conference, he touched on Greece's foreign policy differences with the rest of the bloc, referring to problems with Turkey and Macedonia.

Bentsen Issues a Warning On Letting the Yen Slide Resilient Dollar Japanese Firms

Maintains Value See Ray of Hope

Wednesday artemoon, despite a manifest by to near 100 year last year, officials of Toyota Mednesday artemoon, despite a manifest by to near 100 year last year, officials of Toyota Motor Corp. warned that the company might have its first operating loss ever aniese currency should not be allowed to slide have its first operating loss ever.

indefinitely.

The dollar weakened to 112.35 yen shortly after Mr. Bentsen spoke, compared with 112.65 yen when trading ended Tuesday. But it later yen when trading ended Tuesday. But it later rebounded to stand at 113.025 yen at the end of rebounded to stand at 113.025 yen at the end of the American trading day. The U.S. currency, also rose to 1.7400 Deutsche marks from 1.7355

DM on Tuesday.

The dollar began recovering in late London trading after Mr. Bentsen's comments knocked it down from a nine-month high against the

"Allowing the yen to slide is not an acceptable way out of recession for Japan," Mr. Bentsen said in a speech to the Brookings Institute, a Washington-based research organization. He also said that the United States still wanted to see Japan's trade surplus "reduced significantly. Mr. Bentsen said the administration of President Bill Clinton would keep pushing Japan to open markets to U.S. exporters.

In his first economic policy address of 1994, the Treasury secretary also reviewed the admin istration's achievements of last year, heralding the North American Free Trade Agreement the completion of the Urnguay Round See BENTSEN, Page 10

But, fortunately for Toyota, the dollar recovered. This allowed the automaker's president, Tatsuro Toyoda, to say recently that the company now expects a small operating profit for the imancial year that ends March 31.

After a year in which the rising yen struck fear into Japan's leading industries — as prices of their exports rose along with the currency the yen is in retreat. The strengthening of the dollar against it could mean improved profits for Japan's automobile and electronics giants and perhaps the start of a slow recovery for the

stagnant Japanese economy, according to economists and company officials.

In: Tokyo trading Wednesday, the dollar closed at 113.12 year, down 0.15 year from Tuesday's close but substantially above the low of just above 100 yen reached last summer, and from 108 yen only a month ago. It was quoted in New York late Wednesday at 112.85 yen. The dollar has been gaining because the U.S.

economy appears to be getting suronger, especially compared with the Japanese economy.

The changing trade situation is also helping.

Last year, the yen rose in part because U.S. officials had indicated they would like to see a

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Coming Soon: 'Universal Studios Japan' MCA did not disclose how much it was built on a 56-hectare (140-acre) former indus-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TOKYO - The entertainment conglomerate MCA Inc. will build a Japanese version of its Universal Studios theme parks by 1999 in Osaka, Japan's second-largest city, the company

and city officials said Wednesday.

The theme park, to be called "Universal Studios Japan," will be modeled after a similar venture in Florida, and will be based on films from Universal Studios, including "Jurassic Park" and "E.T.," many of which were major

The park, to be built with Japanese partners. would be the first major by-product of the acquisition of MCA in 1990 by Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., which is based in Osaka. Matsushita, the world's largest consumer elec-tronics maker, paid \$6.2 billion for MCA in the largest purchase ever of an U.S. company by a foreign corporation. Car Gadgets Crowd Out an Old Standby

By James Bennet

New York Times Service DETROIT — Having weighed Americans' vices, Chrysler Corp.
has determined that they prefer caffeine and sugar to micotine.

The company's next new family sedan will be the first mass-market

Old habits may die hard, particularly in Detroit, but when the

designers of the new Chrysler compact sedan tried to cram in all the

doodads that buyers crave, they found themselves scratching their

car since the days of wooden wheels and fold-down windshields to come without an ashtray. In its place will be an additional cup holder.

investing in the project, but industry estimates were as high as \$2 billion.

The other members of the consortium that will develop the park include the city of Osaka. Osaka Gas Co., Sumitomo Metal Industries Ltd., Sumitomo Corp., Nisshin Steel Co., Hita-chi Zosen Corp. and Nishi-Nippon Railroad

Rank Organization PLC, MCA's joint venture partner in Universal Studios Florida, may also participate. MCA said. Rank said it had the right to join the deal under a previous accord with MCA on developing future theme parks, but was under no obligation to do so. Both American movies and theme parks do tremendous business in Japan. Unlike its trou-

bled European counterpart, Tokyo Disneyland

has been booming since it opened in 1983.

Osaka city officials said the park would be

trial site near Osaka Bay. Osaka is about 400 kilometers (245 miles) southwest of Tokyo, a three-hour ride by bullet train.

The Osaka Bay area is the focus of a major redevelopment drive, which includes the new Kansai International Airport built on an artificial island and scheduled to open in September this year after several delays. us year after several delays. For a six-month leasibility study of the pro-

ject, a committee is to be set up in January among the Osaka city government, MCA and landowners, including Sumitomo Metal Industries Ltd., Sumitomo Corp. and Matsushita.

Universal said the park would be modeled

after its Universal Studios theme park in Florida. The park in Japan will feature theme rides. shows and attractions as well as motion picture and television production facilities.
(AP, Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters, AFX)

even use this thing, "said Stephen Bartoli, 33, the nonsmoker who is the product planning manager for the cars, called the Chrysler Cirrus and the Dodge Stratus, Instead, they added a holder for a mug of

But nonsmokers need not worry. They will still be able to plug in phones and radar detectors, using an outlet instead of the lighter. And there are plenty of nooks to stuff coins, tokens, receipts and wads of

While Chrysler has experimented with onboard trash compactors,

officials said that with buyers demanding air bags and graphic

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coffee or an oversized drink.

gum. Sorry, still no trash can.

Georgian Rebel Slain, His Wife Calls It Suicide

By Lee Hockstader

Washington Post Screee
MOSCOW — Zviad K. Gamsakhurdia, the fiery Georgian nationalist who became his country's first elected president only to be deposed eight months later, committed suicide last week when a rebel band he was leading was surrounded by Georgian troops, his wife said

Mr. Gamsakhurdia's wife, Manana, speaking Wednesday. in the southern Russian city of Grozny, said her husband killed himself Dec. 31 in western Georgia after being trapped by his enemies.

news agencies reported. The Georgian Security Ministry, quoting intelligence sources, also said he had been shot and killed, but did not commit suicide. Reuters

reported. According to Mr. Gamsakhurdia's press service in Grozny, which was quoted by the Russian Itar-Tass press agency, Mr. Gamsakhurdia made a statement shortly before he killed himself, saying that he was doing so "in sound mind, as an act of protest against the existing regime in Georgia."

The press service did not say how Mr. Gamsakhurdia had killed himself.

Mr. Gamsakhurdia, 54, had a political career that flourished, fizzled and finally failed in a span of barely three years. The son of one of Georgia's best-known writers, he gained respect as a dissident in the late Soviet era, fame as his country's first elected president after independence in 1991 and notoriety as a deposed leader who sought to regain power by

iolence last year. His bitterest enemy was the current Georgian president, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, who succeeded him as leader of Georgia, Mr. Gamsakhurdia accused Mr. Shevardnadze of being a

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Kiosk

Metallgesellschaft Seeking a Bailout

Melaligesellschaft AG, whose finances were reported Wednesday to be in even worse shape than previously thought, said it werse snape man previously inserting to raise 3.2 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.84 billion) in fresh equity and

The troubled German metals group said. after a meeting with its creditor banks that the capital raising plan was met with a "postive response. But the company would not say whether or when the banks would accept the plan. (Page 9)

Bonn-Tehran Tension

Germany on Wednesday warned the government of Iran that it would become further isolated from the West if it carried out a death sentence against a German engineer convicted of spying for Iraq. (Page 2)

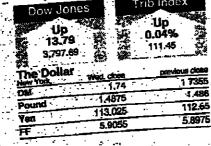
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The Clintons' own roles in the probe of a failed Arkansas thrift run deep.

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riage gof this Vietnamese woman out of

a Hong Kong detention center, trans-

ported in a prison van. A Hong Kong newspaper said 375 such illegal immi-

grants married, often to older men they

barely knew, for their freedom last year.

"When we got to the ash receiver, we said, 'Jeez, most people don't On Campus, the E-Mail Is the Message

New York Times Service

heads over the little compartment.

HANOVER, New Hampshire - Somebody in Professor David Becker's course on Latin American politics did not want to take the midterm exam, so he or she used Dartmouth's innovative electronic mail network to impersonate a department secretary and cancel the

At 11 o'clock on the night before the test in the Government 49 class, a message flashed on students' computer screens. Because of a family emergency, the message said, Mr. Becker would be unable to administer the midterm.

It worked. Half the students in the course did not attend class the next day, and investigators still have not found out who sent the message. Durtmouth has one of the most advanced computer networks in American higher education. All freshmen are required to buy a Macin-

tosh computer, and all campus buildings, including dormitories, are wired to the network. The Collis student center has computer jacks in all of its lounges so that students with laptops can plug in and gain access to the network. From their rooms, students can check the on-

line library catalogues at Dartmouth and other schools, and at the New York Public Library and the Library of Congress. They can look up information in encyclopedias and dictionaries read Shakespeare of the Bible, and even search a full-text data base containing stories printed in the daily college newspaper.

In many courses, students can submit papers or other assignments by electronic mail. Professors often use modems to tap into the network from home. In all, more than 70,000 electronic mail messages are sent every weekday through Blitzmail, as Dartmouth's network is known.

The campus is something of an electronic testing site — perhaps appropriate for the cam-pus at which the Basic computer language was developed by a mathematician. John G. Kemeny, who later became the college president. This experiment has forced students, faculty and administrators to confront new legal and ethical issues as they rely more heavily on

communicating by computer. The midterm was canceled, in part, because E-mail is so easy to use. Users enter their passwords to get access to their personal files, which are called accounts in the Dartmouth system. Each account includes a mail box to store messages. Messages can be addressed to one user or to hundreds. There is no screening

Though each message usually identifies the See COMPUTE, Page 3

Bonn Warns Iran of Isolation if It Executes Convicted Spy

BONN — The German government on Wednesday warned Iran of further isolation from the West if Tehran carried out a death sentence against a German

engineer convicted of spying for Iraq.

Iran's prosecutor-general, Abolfazi Musavi Tabrizi,
said Wednesday in Tehran that "the case of German engineer Helmut Szimkus has been finalized by the highest court of Iran, and he was sentenced to death on charges of spying."

The German government said it had requested a pardon from Iran and was making it clear to Tehran that it would not be happy if the sentence were carried

out.
"Germany is the only Western industrialized nation that hasn't isolated Iran, and they are perfectly aware. that it would not be in their interests to carry out this sentence," said Martin Erdmann, a Foreign Ministry

Asked whether Germany took a position on whether Mr. Szimkus was guilty of espionage, Mr. Erdmann

NATO Will Offer

A 'Signal' to East,

The Associated Press
BERLIN — The NATO allies

will give Eastern Europe's nervous

new democracies a clear signal at a

summit meeting next week that the

alliance will eventually be opened

to them, German leaders said

The tone from Chancellor Hel-

mut Kohl's government contrasted

somewhat with the U.S. pro-

nouncement Wednesday that the

North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-

tion was not ready for new mem-

bers, chiefly because it is believed

that expanding the alliance could further destabilize Russia.

a political signal to the democracies

of Central and Eastern Europe that

NATO is open in principle to new members," said Dieter Vogel, a

memoers, said Dieter voget, a German government spokesman.

But while sounding a note of encouragement to Eastern neighbors, Germany basically endorsed the U.S. position.

Allies May Seek

Russian Pledge to

Respect Borders

BONN — Germany and the United States may ask Moscow to

calm its neighbors' growing fear of

possible Russian expansionism by

clearly stating that it respects their borders. Bonn officials said

This would be part of a package

sidering to support President Boris

"There is a growing concern

among Russia's neighbors about their territorial integrity," an offi-cial said. "We are discussing ideas

about a clear statement on this

The officials also were studying

ways to reassure Russia's neighbors

through the Conference on Securi-

ty and Cooperation in Europe and

a European security pact proposed

by France to protect minorities and

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- knew full well that the chances

The debate over the future shape

of the NATO alliance, and of Rus-

sia's relationship to its neighbors, is

expected to dominate visits next

week by Mr. Clinton to Brussels,

Prague, Moscow and Minsk the

Mr. Nunn, the chairman of the

Senate Armed Services Committee

and a frequent visitor to the Rus-

sian capital, said Wednesday that

he was "cautiously optimistic" that

Mr. Clinton's visit next week could

produce an agreement between Russia and Ukraine over the dis-

mantling of nuclear weapons on

Ukrainian territory. But Mr. Nunn

said he was still dubious about the

Ukrainian parliament's willingness

to abide by any new agreement.

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capital of Belarus.

Wednesday.

"We believe the summit will send

Germany Says

No NATO Consensus

To Grow, U.S. Notes

By Ann Devroy

and Daniel Williams

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The United

States is fending off demands for the rapid expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization by contending that such a move would

create more security problems than

now exist and that there is no con-

sensus in Europe for a bigger

impression that we're creating an-

other dividing line in Europe after we worked for decades to get rid of the one that existed before," Presi-

He added that the initiative "will

work if the Eastern European na-

tions will make the most of it, and I hope that they will."

The president suggested that a lack of agreement in Europe was

the reason Washington was unwill-

the NATO members at this time,

there's not a consensus to expand NATO at this time," he said at the

start of a meeting with Prime Min-ister Rund Lubbers of the Nether-

All the same, U.S. officials are

seeking to ease East European fears of abandonment by saying that the

Partnership for Peace program, the

proposed alternative to immediate NATO membership, could lead eventually to inclusion of the for-

mer Warsaw Pact members in the

Atlantic alliance.

The Partnership, which is expected to win formal endorsement

at the NATO summit meeting in Brussels next week, is intended to

strengthen ties between the Atlan-

tic alliance and former Warsaw

Pact members without extending

"If you look at the consensus of

ing to expand NATO rapidly.

dent Bill Clinton said.

"We do not want to give the

foreigners to exert pressure on foreign countries holding its agents or officials.

The case is the second within a week in which a government in Western Europe had to face legal complications in dealing with the Islamic fundamentalist government in Tehran.

Last week, France decided to send back to Tehran two Iranians wanted in Switzerland on suspicion of murder, instead of handing them over to the Swiss

In his first public comment, Prime Minister Edouard Balladur said on Tuesday only that he had served France's interests.

"This is a decision I believe suited the nation's interests," he said. "I ask to be trusted on this point." The death sentence against Mr. Szimkus comes amid strained relations between Germany and Iran over Tehran's alleged involvement in the assassination of Iranian Kurdish dissidents in Germany.

Mr. Szimkus was arrested in 1988. According to the said, "We have no proof one way or the other."

Iran has been accused of using charges against mechanical engineer who first went to Iran in 1980.

to transmit intelligence to the Iraqi military in the visit to Bonn in October, apparently seeking to presouthern port of Basra and helped locate targets for vent Mr. Darabi's trial. fragi missiles during the 1980-88 war.

It said he later left Iran, then returned to live in Isfahan in the central part of the country. He was arrested when he tried to leave in 1988.

Mr. Tabrizi said that Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei, Iran's spiritual leader, had the authority to pardon Mr. Szimkus. Mr. Tabrizi did not announce a date for carrying out the death sentence.

In another case affecting Iran-Germany relations, five men - an Iranian and four pro-Iranian Lebanese Shute Muslims - went on trial last month in Berlin, charged with the 1992 assassination of the Kurdish leader Sadiq Sarafkindi and three colleagues in a Berlin restaurant. The Iranian defendant. Kazem Darabi, has been

agent for the Tehran regime.

iran's intelligence minister. Ali Fallahian, widely believed by Western security agencies to have been

Salam asserted that the German used a secret radio behind many of the killings, made an unpublicized

German federal prosecutors sought to arrest Mr. Fallahian when his presence in Bonn became known but were blocked by the German government.

Before the Berlin trial opened, a German businessman held in Iran on spying charges was released but not allowed to leave Iran.

Gerhard Bachmann, 56, was given permission to

resume work for his employer, a heavy equipment company, but had to stay in Iran because of the possibility of further charges being brought against In the French case, the two Iranians were suspected

of involvement in the assassination of an Iranian dissident leader, Kazem Rajavi, near Geneva in 1990. The authorities in Switzerland had demanded the men's extradition. But French officials decided identified by German authorities as an intelligence against extradition. The move was widely seen by European observers to be a response to fears of re-

Bosnian Croatian Defense Council.

as its political and military organi-

zation is known, has become so

critical that President Tudiman

and his defense minister, Gojko Su-

sak, have repeatedly threatened di-rect Croatian military intervention over the last two weeks.

It is this potential expansion of

the conflict that has the United

and lead to international pressure

for the imposition of economic and financial sanctions on Croatia.

Hundreds of shells again rained

down on Sarajevo from Serbian

guns Wednesday, news agencies re-

For the first time in the war, the

police were under orders to turn

civilians back to their homes and

clear the streets, Bosnian radio re-

ported. Shelling caused closure of

the airport, the supply lifeline. Res-

idents called the bombardment the

In another development, the

United Nations announced that Lieutenant-General Michael Rose

of Britain would become the new

commander of UN forces in Bosnia

Sir Michael will succeed Lieuten-

■ Serbs Shell Sarajevo

ported from Sarajevo.

most severe in months.

later this month.

Reformist Opens Bid to Lead Italy

ROME (Reuters) - The Italian reformist Mario Segni launched his bid for power on Wednesday as Prime Minister Carlo Azegio Clamp-faced conflicting calls from political leaders over the timing of general

Mr. Segni, organizer of April referendum that approved the overhaul of the country's electional system, said supporting him for prime minister along with his new Pact for Italy alliance was the only way to defeat the left in elections expected in the next few months. He has said that he will unveil the alliance program on Feb. 5. A vote on a no-confidence motion is set for Wednesday.

New Israel-PLO Talks Reported Set

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization agreed Wednesday to resume talks next week in the effort to resolve differences that are holding up the Palestinian autonomy accord, according to Israel Radio and a Foreign Ministry official. The two sides accepted agreements reached last week in Cairo on border security as the basis for continued negotiations, the reports said. Israel's Foreign Ministry officially denied any knowledge of resuming the talks.

German Refugee Count Falls 35%

BONN (Reuters) — Tough new limits on political asylum imposed last year reduced the unmber of refugees entering Germany by more than 35 percent, Bonn's Interior Ministry said Wednesday.

The ministry said the 1993 total was 323,000, down by more than 115,000 from the previous year, because of restrictions imposed in July on what had been Europe's most liberal asylum law.

U.S. Admiral to Visit Hanoi on MIAs

WASHINGTON (NYT) — In another sign of improving ties between Hanoi and Washington, Admiral Charles R. Larson, the commander of United States forces in the Pacific, later this month will become the highest-ranking American military officer on active duty to visit Vietnam since the war in Southeast Asia ended in 1975.

Admiral Larson, a four-star officer based in Hawaii, will go to Vietnam on Jan. 16 for a three-day trip to review the work of American and Vietnames specialists investigating the fate of missing Americans. He is also expected to meet with several high-ranking officials in the Vietnames Engine Ministry.

ese Foreign Ministry.

The Clinton administration has conditioned a relaxation of the U.S. trade embargo against Hanoi on resolving what happened to the more than 2,000 American servicemen who did not return from the Vietnam War.

Pasqua Lashes Out on Immigration

PARIS (Reuters) - Interior Minister Charles Pasqua said Wednesday

that he planned to send planeloads of illegal immigrants back to their home countries until the world "gets the message."

In a television interview, Mr. Pasqua said that "the problems of immigration are ahead of us and not behind us" and warned of possible waves of millions of people from the former Soviet Union and Africa. He said France would tighten border controls and increase the policing of foreigners, and added: "When we've sent several planeloads home, even trainloads and boatloads, the world will get the message."

Tim Yeo, a junior environment minister, resigned from the British government Wednesday after a strong public reaction to the revelation that he had fathered a child in an extramanital affair with a Conservative

councillor, government sources said. Mr. Yeo, 48, lost the support of colleagues after acknowledging the affair. (Reuters)

TRAVEL UPDATE

Channel Ferry Line Will Cut Fares

States worned, as it would most likely curtail the steady improve-ment in U.S.-Croatian relations LONDON (Renters) — Sharp fare cuts to counter competition from the Eurotunnel shuttle were announced Wednesday by one of two ferry operators plying the Channel between Dover in Britain and Calais in

Stena Sealink, owned by Sweden's Stena Line AB, is introducing seasonal fares and abandoning its system of different charges according to sailing times. A standard round-trip for a car and five passengers will start at £126 (\$187), rising to £220 in the summer peak period, with extra

charges for weekends. The previous peak price was £294.

Eurotunnel will officially announce its fares on Tuesday, but an official said Monday that round-trip prices would range from £160 to £260.

Water taxis in Amsterdam are avoiding some routes because of high water and low bridges, officials say. The water level in the city's 150 kilometers (90 miles) of canals has risen up to 15 centimeters (6.25 inches) above normal because of weeks of rain.

Some tourists were angered by an £8 (\$12) fee put into effect at Windsor Castle to help pay for repairs following a fire in November 1992. A group of German students refused to pay, a Russian woman balked and an Englishwoman decided instead to take her children for a hamburger. Entrance to the castle grounds used to be free. (Reuters)

Citizens of Yugoslavia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and the four former Soviet, republics of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Tajikistan will need visas to enter the Czech Republic after Jan. 15, Czech officials said. (AP)

The Madrid-based World Tourism Organization said that international ant-General Francis Briquemont, a
Belgian, who has asked to be remillion tourist arrivals worldwide. The group put 1993 tourism receipts as

lieved of his post (AP, Reuters) just over \$324 billion, up 9 percent Mexico Bombs Indian Rebel Strongholds

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico - Thousands of troops swept through southern Mexico on Wednesday, supported

by planes dropping bombs and firing rockets in an attempt to crush a rebellion by Indian peasants. Bodies still lay in the streets in Ocosingo, one of the towns briefly

Saturday, as the troops fanned out through Chiapas state in search of Mew overhead, members of the Zapatista National The action The group, which has called for a return of territory and for economic justice, has vowed to fight to the

An estimated 12,000 men, one-

fifth of Mexico's armed forces, at-

The air force dropped bombs and fired rockets on suspected re-bel strongholds in the hills ringing San Cristobal, and tanks and ar mored personnel carriers moved

into the area as army helicopters The action followed a government offer earlier Wednesday to negotiate an end to the uprising by disaffected Indians. But the gov eroment insisted that the insur-

Roman Catholic Church sources.

gents first disarm, free hostages and identify their leaders. Eloy Cantu Segovia, an aide to

Interior Minister Patrocinio Gon-

The fighting has so far killed 95 zilez, said the rebels must also turn people, the army said Wednesday.

A Mexico City newspaper, La Jornada, said the death toll was nearer tots they took from the national oil tots they took from the national oil company, Pemex.

The area that had been taken by the energiles is populated mostly

Mr. Cantu warned that the government "would have to take into by poor indigenous people who consideration what is legally alern a living selling firewood and consideration what is legally alcarn a living lowed when meeting with those charcoal. who accept this invitation to talks and turn in their arms."

He blamed the uprising on extremists, including some Salvador-ans and Guatemalans, who he said were manipulating the peasant In-dians in the region.

There was no indication that the Indians were interested in negotiating a settlement. They did not respoud to an earlier offer by Catho-Military authorities said they had lic bishops to act as mediators.

Most of the rebels are descended killings.

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On Tuesday, army troops took back the town of Ocosingo in house to house fighting.

Among the dozens of corpses strewn about the town were the bodies of five peasants found in a group. All had been shot once in the head and showed signs of having been freed from manacles before their deaths, witnesses said.

ordered an investigation into the

(Reuters, AP, AFP)

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Cold War Out, Hot Line In -**Just in Case**

WASHINGTON - Defense Secretary Les Aspin and Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev of Russia inaugurated a top-level military tele-phone hot line Wednesday. The two wished each other a

happy New Year in front of the press, then chatted privately about the NATO summit meeting in Brussels next week and the proposed alliance Partnership for Peace program, which is intended to draw Russia and other former Soviet bloc states closer to the

The new link between the offices of the defense leaders is an addition to current hot-line links between the presidents of the two nations and a teletype connection between the military "war rooms" of the Pentagon and the Russian Defense Ministry.



Mr. Aspin at the Pentagon talking to Mr. Grachev on Wednesday as he inaugurated the direct link.

"might in fact lead to sanctions if

there is not some change in that

Croatia has been steadily ex-

panding its military assistance to the Bosnian Croats, offering arms,

officers and soldiers, as Bosnia's

Muslim-led army presses its offen-

sive with ever greater success

Canada said Tuesday that his gov-ernment was also reconsidering the

role played by Canada's 2,000

terrand echoed a similar frustra-

tion. "Should we pull out and allow

the people there to kill each other until the last man?" he asked.

Should we stay on and be a target

for those who love death? Both

would be completely untenable.

We must take care that develop-ments born of the current deadlock

do not lead to an even greater trag-

Albright, in Croatia, Warns on Sanctions For the Record Croatia's involvement, she said,

Tudjman of Croatia, whom she is scheduled to meet Thursday.

against Croatian forces in southwestern and central Bosnia.

objectives were to free the airport Lieutenant General Francis Bri-

behavior.

Washington Post Service

ZAGREB, Croatia - The U.S. representative to the United Nations, Madeleine K. Albright, warned Croatia on Wednesday that its increasing military involvement

in the Bosnia conflict was of "ma-

jor concern" to the United States and could lead to the imposition of

NATO security guarantees. General John M. Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of of measures Western states are con- Staff, is being sent to Eastern Europe this week with Madeleine K. N. Yeltsin following the success of an ultranationalist, Vladimir V. Albright, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, to warm the Poles, Czechs, Slovaks and Hun-

Zhirinovsky, in Russia's parlia-mentary election last month, they garians to the plan The general said Tuesday that extending NATO's security guarantees too rapidly to Eastern Europe could prompt a nationalistic backlash in an excluded Russia. The Partnership program, which is as open to Russian participation as it is to Polish or Albanian participation, would create no such reaction, he argued.

"What this is all about is bringing stability and security to all of Europe," General Shalikashvili said. "The reason that partnership is defined as it is is to avoid at all costs the establishment of a new line, a new division that, in turn then, would create new tensions and fuel new conflicts."

The general responded in part to comments made by President Lech Walesa of Poland in an interview Monday with The Washington Post, Mr. Walesa had said his country preferred immediate membership as a bulwark against renewed Russian expansionism and as a guarantee for European democra-

"I'm not sure that President Walesa would be making those same arguments if the question were of including some countries, but not Poland — whether he would not and in the pay of his enemies. see that as very divisive."

Mr. Clinton's national security adviser, W. Anthony Lake, argued in a separate briefing Tuesday that admitting new nations to NATO too quickly could "become a selffulfilling prophecy of pessimism about Russia by strengthening the hands of ultranationalists there and destabilizing Eastern Europe.

Arriving here on the first leg of a tour of East European capitals. By David B. Ottaway Mrs. Albright said Croatia's military aid to its Bosnian-Croatian al-

had stood by Washington's previous conditions for involvement of American ground forces in Bosnia. These include congressional approval, a "right to terminate" the operation and a clearly stated time for review of the policy.

A senior French official close to Defense Minister Léotard said Wednesday that France hoped the United States would join efforts to relieve Tuzla and Srebrenica with air power, or logistics or, if Washington wanted or accepted to do so. the participation of its ground

The official said the immediate

at Tuzla so it could be used as a quemont of Belgium announced that he was stepping down as the UN commander in Bosnia. Generbase for humanitarian aid deliveries and to enable a Canadian contingent stationed in Srebrenica to al Cot in turn confirmed on be replaced by Danish troops Wednesday that French forces had

lies was now a "frequent" subject of discussion in the administra-

tion's diplomatic contacts with the

issue directly with President Franjo

BOSNIA: France Presses U.S. to Intervene Militarily

She said she planned to raise the

Croatian government.

He added that it was "shocking on Christmas Day."
and unacceptable" that Serbian Prime Minister Jean Chrétien of forces had been able to block the arrival of the Danish troops in Srebrenica. In Tuzia, he went on, "we want to show the Serbs that we peacekeepers in Bosnia.
On Wednesday, President Mitwant to protect the inhabitants and exercise our right to deliver bu-manitarian aid."

On Tuesday, apparently dis-mayed by the weakness of the international presence on the ground.

GEORGIA: Ex-Leader's Suicide

Russian agent bent on subordinat-

Mr. Gamsakhurdia was worshiped almost as a messiah by his partisans, mostly in his native western Georgia, who saw him as an anti-Soviet hero. But in the course of his short and

turbulent presidency in 1991, he became a divisive figure, despised by many Georgians who regarded nim as a nasty despot who was intolerant of dissent. He had a habit of accusing his opponents, and even those who simply questioned him, as being under the influence

A beloved figure in the Soviet era because of his insistence on self-determination for Georgia, Mr. Gamsakhurdia was overwhelmingly elected president of the nation of 5.4 million people in May 1991.

But once in power he cracked down on opposition leaders and the press, accusing them of being and Mr. Gamsakhurdia's gains

"spies." As he repeatedly post-

poned reforms, his popularity plummeted. In January 1992, he

advantage of a separate uprising in the Black Sea Georgian province of Abkhazia, Mr. Gamsakhurdia returned to Georgia from exile and led an insurrection against Mr. Shevardnadze's government.

armed men who enjoyed a string of military successes in October.

were quickly rolled back.

was overthrown in a bloody uprising Georgia's interests to the ing and fled into exile in southern In late September of 1993, taking

> From a stronghold in western Georgia, he organized hundreds. perhaps even a few thousand

> October after Mr. Snevardnadze made a deal with Moscow. In return for Georgia's joining the Russian-dominated Commonwealth of Independent States, Russian troops were deployed in Georgia.

But the offensive stalled in late

Within a week, Mr. Shevardnadze's forces were relavigorated

occupied in the uprising that began Liberation Army.

tacked by air and land.

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WASHINGTON - Medicaid officials in many states have objected 10 a new directive from the Cinton administration that requires states to help pay for abortions for low-income women in cases of rape or incest.

In a letter written on behalf of the State Medicaid Directors'

Association, Ray Hanley, Medicaid director of Arkansas and char-man of the group, voiced strong objection to the administration

The directive, the latest in a series of efforts by the administration to expand access to abortion, interprets an appropriations bill passed by Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton on Oct. 21.

But Mr. Hanley said the administration had misinterpreted the law and imposed a firm requirement where Congress intended to give states flexibility.

The complaint by state Medicaid directors reopens the volatile issue of abortion just as Congress and the administration prepare for a fight over whether to require insurance coverage for the procedure

as part of Mr. Clinton's health plan.

Mr. Hanley was apparently not speaking for all 50 state Medicaid directors. The organization did not vote on the question. He wrote the letter after consulting with a number of state Medicaid directors. and the organization's executive committee. (NYT)

Ex-Envoy Joins Gubernatorial Race in N.Y.

NEW YORK - Amid a growing field of Republican gubernatorial hopefuls in New York, a former ambassador to France, Evan G.

ral hopefuls in New York, a tormer ambassador to France, Evan G. Galbraith, entered the race and jumped to an early lead in celebrity endorsements when Henry A. Kissinger and William F. Buckley said they would throw their fund-taising weight behind him.

At a news conference, Mr. Kissinger, the former secretary of state, and Mr. Buckley, the conservative writer, said they would be spokesmen for a group of 25 men, most of them Wall Street executives, who hoped to raise at least \$2 million for Mr. Galbraith, a Manhattan businessman. They described him as a dedicated conservative.

This is not exclusively a conservative effort, although the candidate's credentials are secure in that area," Mr. Bockley said.

Mr. Galbraith, 65, said he would promise to can taxes in half for both individuals and businesses, sharply cut spending on welfare and

support the death penalty. Although he has never held an elective public office, Mr. Galbraith has long been active in the Republican Party and for months has been expected to run for governor. He served as ambassador to France from 1981 to 1985 under

President Ronald Reagan.

Grand Jury Hears From Brown's Accuser

MIAMI — A grand jury investigation into charges that Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown received \$700,000 to lift the U.S. trade embargo against Victnam has heard testimony from his chief accus-

Grand jury action had halted in recent months, leading to specula tion that the inquiry was over. But on Tuesday, the Vietnamese immigrant who first went public with the allegations was called before the panel, testifying for two hours.

"I feel good that I had a chance to tell my story to the grand jury," Binh Ly said as he emerged. "But I don't want to comment on

anything until we see what the grand jury does."
Last year, Mr. Ly accessed Nguyen Van Hao, a former Vietnamese government official who was once his business parmer, of arranging a \$700,000 payment to Mr. Brown in late 1992, after President

Clinton's election.

Brown has acknowledged meeting with Mr. Hao three times — in November and December of 1992 and in February 1993, after he became commerce secretary — but he denied making any deals or (AP) accepting any payments.

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Former President George Bush, describing his retirement in Housion: "Barbara makes the bed. I make the colice. And Mi dishes.

Away From Politics

 Washington police have began searching people they believe are armed. A new unit, apparently among the first assigned to such duty, is not waiting to see guns before acting. The unit commander said the officers were looking for signs, such as physical appearance and movements, that would give them a reason to suspect someone. He said the officers must be able to articulate their suspicious before the search, or their cases will not stand up in court.

Colin Ferguson, who is accessed of killing six people on a Long Island Rail Road train last month, is competent to stand trial, a court-appointed psychologist and psychiatrist have concluded. But after their findings were announced at a Long Island hearing, Judge Ira B. Warshawsky postponed ruling on the matter at the request of Mr. Ferguson's lagrange who said he manted discretion time with a Mr. Ferguson's lawyer, who said he wanted discussion time with a psychologist he had retained.

Nucle photographs of Michael Jackson are being sought in Santa Monica, California, court by the attorney representing a 13-year-old boy who says Mr. Jackson molested him. Investigators photographed Mr. Jackson last month in an effort to corroborate evidence provided by the boy. "We think that the fact that my client can establish what Mr. Jackson looks like naked is very substantial evidence of Mr. Jackson's guilt," said the attorney, Larry Feldman. • The loss of the SI billion Mars Observer last August might have been caused by a fuel line rupture, according to an independent investigating board commissioned by the National Aerosautics and Space Administration. Ground controllers lost contact with the probe three days before it was to have entered orbit around Mans, in the first closer-range U.S. mission to study Mans since the Viking missions 18 years ago. AF, WP, NTT

Red Adair Sells Company, **But the Flame Still Burns**

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Red Adair, who has battled more than 2,000 oil well fires, announced the sale of his company to Global Industries Lid of Louisiana. -

The Houston native, who spent his 76th birthday capping off burning oil wells in Kuwait, once said he would never retire. And Tuesday, at 78, Mr. Adair refused to use the word. At a news conference amounting the sale of Red Adair Co., he said he would work for Global as a consultant and would not rule out a return to the oil fields. I'm in as good shape as anybody in this room, I

nms, no suc.

Asked how much Global paid for his company, which he founded in 1959 with \$125, Mr. Adan said: "I can't count that high. I didn't go but to minth grade at school."

Mr. Adair revolutionized the science of capping blown out and burning wells by using explosives, mud and concrete. He is credited with extinguishing thousands of oil well fires, including hundreds of wells left burning in Knymit at the end of the Gulf-War.



STORM'S TOLL — Drivers waiting at a toll plaza near Pittsburgh as a major snowstorm forced the partial closing of the Pennsylvania Tumpike. The storm, the second in a week on the East Coast, left 13 people dead, knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of homes, and closed schools and businesses from North Carolina to Maine. Air and rail travel in the region also was severely disrupted. etc. warning that welfare is divisive. health care debate is finished.

President Delaying On Welfare Reform

By Jason DeParle

New York Times Service WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is trying to devise a strategy that would allow it to appear to be pushing for welfare reform, even while delaying action on a bill until the president's health care plan clears Congress.

The effort to delay welfare legislation so that it does not interfere with the administration's primary goal of health care, while not acknowledged publicly, has been evident in recent administration actions and was discussed at a cabinet meeting Monday, officials said. They said such a strategy would make it unlikely that a major welfare hill would pass Congress

this year.

Mr. Clinton's pledge to impose strict work requirements on welfare recipients was one of his most popular campaign promises. But after almost a year in office, he has still not spelled out the details of a plan.

The president has scarcely mentioned welfare in recent remarks on domestic priorities. Next year's budget, now in preparation, contains no cost projections for a wel-

have urged him to work on health care first.

At this week's cabinet meeting, Mr. Clinton spoke of the dilemma,

people who were present said. The president argued that health care was so complex that it required the administration's complete political and legislative atten-tion. He also said the country would not succeed in moving people off of welfare until it passed universal health care, since many people stay on welfare simply for

the health insurance. At the same time, Mr. Clinton acknowledged that he was taking a political risk in appearing to delay on a central campaign pledge. He worried that Republicans, who have introduced their own tough-sounding welfare bill, would accuse him of backpedaling.

"I think the president is con-cerned that the Republicans will portray him as a classic liberal, taxing and spending" on health care, while abandoning welfare, said an official who attended the meeting.

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Clintons' Own Roles in Probe of Failed S&L Run Deep

By Susan Schmidt and Michael Isikoff

Washington Past Service WASHINGTON - Last September, as officials of Resolution Trust Corp. were preparing to ask the Justice Department to open a criminal investigation into a failed Arkansas savings and loan, they faced an unusually sensitive problem: Should they mention that the case involved President Bill Clinton and his

There was no evidence that the Clintons had done anything illegal. But Resolution Trust Corp. investigators had turned up evidence that depositor funds from the thrift, Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan, may have been diverted improperly to Mr. Clinton's 1984 gubernatorial campaign account and to Whitewater Development Co., a real estate venture owned by the

Clintons and James McDougal, Madison's owner.

Some officials at Resolution Trust Corp. believed questions about the Clintons and their dealings with Madison had to be laid out in the agency's written request for further federal investigation. But others the model has a investigation. thought that would be a strategic error: A detailed description of activities involving the Clintons had been presented to the Justice Department in September 1992 and had been languishing for a year, prompting fears among Resolution Trust Corp. staff that the department was intent on scuttling the politically

tion Trust Corp. finally tederal prosecutors in Little Rock, Arkansas, to investighte nine suspected criminal matters arising out of Madison's 1989 failure, naming the Clintons, along with other Arkansas politicians who had dealings with Mr. McDougal. Among other things prosecutors were asked to examine was whether Hillary Rodham Chinton's representation of the savings and loan before a state regulator appointed by her husband resulted in lenient treatment that allowed Madison to stay open

long after it was on a clear path to insolvency.

While the Clintons have repeatedly said they were aware of no wrongdoing at Madison, the White House, under heavy congressional and media criticism and possibly facing a subpoena, agreed late last month to turn over documents about Whitewater that were found in the office of the deputy White House counsel,

Vincent Foster, following his suicide on July 20.
At the same time, the handling of the Madison and Whitewater issues by Resolution Trust Corp. and the Justice Department has underscored the politically charged nature of the probe. Although Resolution Trust Corp. has succeeded in sparking a federal inqui-ry, the matter of Madison S&L has frustrated some agency officials who have said they worried about

packaging" the case and "selling" Justice on opening in investigation that should have begin much earlier. Republicans have bombarded Attorney General

White House said it was for Ms. Reno to decide, Renters reported. "It's up to the attorney general," said Dee Dee Myers, the White House spokeswoman. "It's a decision she would have to make."]

The history of the Madison investigation, pieced together from interviews with Justice Department and Resolution Trust Corp. officials along with documents from the case, suggests that the involvement of the Clintons has repeatedly affected its progress. The transformation of a relatively routine Resolu-

tion Trust Corp. inquiry into a political hot potato began in March 1992 when news accounts detailed Mr. Clinton's longime relationship with Mr. McDougal and their investment together in Whitewater. Those accounts suggested that Mr. McDougal had

The history of the investigation suggests that the involvement of the Clintons has affected its progress.

made the Clintons partners in a sweetheart real estate deal in return for lement state treatment of Madison. Resolution Trust Corp. quickly sent a new team of investigators to Arkansas to help in the Madison relationships among Mr. McDongal and local politicians

At the same time, investigators began to explore the role of Mrs. Clinton and her law firm in representing the thrift during a 1985 encounter with federal banking authorities. The Rose law firm had represented Madison before the Arkansas securities commission when the thrift, judged critically short of capital by federal examiners, sought approval for a new stock plan to stay afloat. Mrs. Clinton was one of two Rose lawyers in that

effort, earning a combined \$2,000 monthly retainer for the firm. The plan was approved by Beverly Bassett Schaffer, Mr. Clinton's state securities com whose law firm also had represented Madison. The plan was never implemented.

Another Rose partner and a Clinton confidant, Webster L. Hubbell, now associate attorney general under Ms. Reno, had his own ties to Madison through his father-in-law, Seth Ward. Mr. Ward was an executive with Madison's real estate subsidiary.

But despite these potential conflicts, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. hired the Rose firm in 1989 to represent the government in a lawsuit against Madison's accounting firm. The suit, handled by Mr. Hubbell, contended that the accounting firm had failed to alert Madison's board to reckless lending and manage-Jamet Reno with calls to appoint an independent ment practices that led to insolvency. It was settled for counsel, but she has resisted. [On Wednesday, the \$1 million in 1990.

unclear. Mr. Hubbell has contended that his dealings signed by John C. Keeney, then acting chief of the with Madison were fully disclosed. A series of internal division, left the final decision to federal prosecutors FDIC memos at the time warned against hiring Mr. in Little Rock. Hubbels due to conflicts involving his father-in-law. ly reported.

By the fall of 1992. Resolution Trust Corp. had prepared a 21-page document targeting Mr. McDougal and his former wife, Susan McDougal, for criminal investigation by the federal prosecutor in Little Rock.

The referral named Mr. Clinton, then a presidential nominee, and his wife, as well as the current Arkansas governor, Jim Guy Tucker, as principals in "shell corporations" created by Mr. McDougal. It said that while there was insufficient evidence at that point to prove that the Clintons and Mr. Tucker knew about suspected check kiting and account overdrafts authorized by Mr. McDougal, they had stood to benefit from such activities.

The referral was sent to Charles Banks, the Republican U.S. attorney in Little Rock, during the waning days of the Bush administration in the fall of 1992. Mr. Banks already had been stung once in his dealings with Mr. McDougal, having failed to win a conviction of him in a 1990 bank fraud case and prompting critics to accuse Mr. Banks of mounting a politically motivated prosecution. Hoping to wash his hands of Madison and Mr. McDougal, Mr. Banks asked that he be recused from the case and that the referral go directly to the Justice Department in Washington, current and former federal officials said.

In an "urgent report" memo to top Justice lawyers on Oct. 7, 1992, Mr. Banks's chief assistant, Mac Dotson, noted that the Clintons were named as potential witnesses in the referral. Mr. Dotson wrote that he believed, based on the facts outlined by the Resolution Trust Corp., that further investigation was

With less than a month to go before the presidential election, aides to the attorney general at the time, William P. Barr, were concerned that any special interest shown in the case could backfire politically, sources said. An investigation involving Mr. Clinton was sure to look as though President George Bush were using the Justice Department for partisan pur-

In light of Mr. Banks's recusal, the case was assigned to career lawyers in the fraud section in the criminal division of the Justice Department, but senior Bush administration Justice officials ordered that it get no special treatment.

A March 19, 1993, memo by criminal division

How much the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. attorneys working on the case concluded that the knew when it hired Rose about the relationships referral did not "appear to warrant initiation of a among Madison and the firm and its partners is criminal investigation" of Madison. But the memo,

But the results of the Justice review were not com-Lawyers for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and municated to the Resolution Trust Corp. for months, Resolution Trust Corp. have been conducting an in-quiry into whether the potential conflicts were proper-own inquiry into Madison, sending a team of agency investigators back to Arkansas in January 1993.

By September, having gathered much more information and still having received no official decision on the first referral, the agency drafted a new request for the Justice Department. This expanded referral rec-

Also under exploration was the role of Mrs. Clinton and her law firm in representing the failed thrift in 1985.

ommended investigation of nine separate matters of possible criminal behavior, sources said.

Those who believed that naming the Clintons in the first referral led to official inaction argued the president and his wife should not be named in the new, expanded request. Additional questions about whether bringing more bank fraud charges against Mr. McDougal would constitute double jeopardy helped spark a debate among investigators and professional liability attorneys working for Resolution Trust Corp., agency sources said.

Resolution Trust Corp. field officials took the unusual step of appealing to the agency's top brass in Washington to make the final decision on whether to include the Clintons in the new referrals. But the Washington headquarters refused to intervene.

The new referrals were sent in October to the new U.S. attorney in Little Rock, Paula Casey, a Clinton appointee and former campaign volunteer. On Oct. 27, with the stack of new criminal referrals sitting on her desk. Mrs. Casey responded to six months of Resolution Trust inquiries about the fate of the first referral, then a year old. She told the agency that she "concurred" with the Justice Department's decision to forgo an investigation due to "insufficient

Days later, in the wake of news reports about the new Resolution Trust Corp. referrals and questions about Mrs. Casey's ties to Mr. Clinton and other senior Democrats in the case, the attorney recused herself from further involvement.

The Justice Department announced it was sending three career prosecutors to Little Rock to conduct the

North Korea abruptly withdrew

"What we have convinced them to continue to have that confi-

ty, to suspend their withdrawal, to keep the continuity of safeguards in place, and now — most impor- ations produced an agreement by

tantly - to provide the IAEA with Pyongyang to suspend its with-

to do," she added, "is to remain dence."

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U.S. Insists It Hasn't Conceded on Korean Nuclear Monitoring

By Paul F. Horvitz gional Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON - in a broad defense of U.S. negotiations with North Korea, a senior State De-partment official said Wednesday that Pyongyang had agreed to per-nait international inspectors the ac-cess that they need to ensure the commuous monitoring of North Korea's primary nuclear develop-

In return, the official said, the United States has said it will "look seriously" at North Korea's security concerns, which include regular omt military exercises between U.S. and South Korean forces. No firm decision has been made to suspend those exercises, said the official. Lynn Davis, undersecre-

tary of state for security affairs. If the International Atomic Enrgy Agency, in direct talks with the North Koreans, is satisfied that monitoring will proceed unimped—she said.

Mr. Kyd said agency officials ed, Washington and Pyongyang "We have not backed down," told the North Koreans that they will enter a new set of negotiations Ms. Davis insisted, saying that wanted to have talks on the "mo-

aimed at opening to inspection two North Korea must "carry out all nuclear waste dumps operated by the obligations required under the North Korea, Ms. Davis said.

Nonproliferation Treaty—inspec-

clearest yet made by U.S. officials two special inspections that the on its talks with North Korea, were IAEA seeks" of the dump sites. designed in part to crase a growing perception that Washington is making concessions merely to "find ways to resolve once and for bring North Korea back in line all our outstanding issues with rewith an inspections policy to which other nations have long agreed. The United States asserts that North Korea's nuclear facilities are intended for building bombs; Pyongyang denies this.

Ms. Davis said that it was still the policy of the United States to bring North Korea into full compliance with the Nuclear Nonpro-liferation Treaty, and if discussions between North Korea and the atomic energy agency, known as Vienna, but that the North Kore-IAEA, go well, a decisive round of an only listened to the agency's negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang will get under way,

The comments by Ms. Davis, the tions of their declared sites and the

in addition, she said, the United States plans in those new talks to "find ways to resolve once and for spect to the nuclear policies of North Korea."

In Vienna on Wednesday, North Korean representatives met with officials of the atomic energy agency, but made no new proposals. The Associated Press reported.

David Kyd, spokesman for the agency, said that the inspectors "imagined they might have some-thing to offer" in the session in Vienna, but that the North Koreposition and promised to report back later.

dalities and timing" of an agency inspection of Korean nuclear facili-

Ms. Davis said that for the final round of talks with the United States to continue, "the continuity of safeguards has to continue to be in place," as defined by UN inspec-

Continuity did not mean a single walk-through inspection, she said, but rather "an ongoing process." The North Koreans, Ms. Davis

said, have stated that "they are prepared to take the steps necessary to assure continuity of safeguards, and I interpret that to be their willingness to do what it is that the IAEA will require to make that determination.

She added, however, that the North maintained that it did not have to submit to inspections of the two dump sites.

"It's correct to say that we have not convinced them to undertake those inspections," she said.

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COMPUTE: On the U.S. Campus, the E-Mail Is Becoming the Message said the midterm was canceled, you

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sender, hackers can change or hide their identities.

Dartmouth has a computing code of cubics to ensure privacy of the users and protect the college's computer systems. In general, the code does not cover the content of E-mail, but a recent revision deals with such issues as harassment. The code has evolved since the

system was put into place five years

ago, said Dan Nelson, senior asso-

uses of the system, but tries to deal

cy remains a big concern. "It is clear to me that electronic

mail deserves the same protection that U.S. mail has today, but whether the law says that is probaby open to interpretation," said Richard E Brown, a computer en-gineer who led the team that wrote the program for Blitzmail.

The midtern cancellation is far

from the only questionable use of the electronic mail system. Blitzmail has turned the campus computer network into an electronic riate dean of students. The college has not been able to anticipate misshuce carrying everything from love letters to the latest canard. In some cases, misinformation

with problems as they arise. Priva- can be spread quickly. Late in August, computers flashed an account of a woman being raped while jogging near compus. The message was intended as a warning, but there had been no mos.

"Some of my stair were swamped with calls about the rape," said Kurt Schimke, chief of the Hanover police.

Mr. Brown said people must change how they think about electronic information and learn not to trust everything on a computer

"We already know how to do this on paper," he said. "If someone slipped a note under your door that P. Steinwachs, a senior.

would be suspicious." For students, electronic mail has spawned a new social dynamic and provided an extraordinary medium available day and night to ask a professor's advice or to ask some-

The service is free, and also provides students with free access to internet, the global computer network, chiminating the expense of long distance telephone calls.
"I use it to keep in touch with

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friends at other schools, at Stanlord in particular, because they have a similar system," said Jeffrey

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Expanding the Alliance

NATO?" debate is the sharpened sense of potential peril emanating from Russia's turn toward an aggressive, extreme nationalism. The turn is evident in the travails of President Boris Yeltsin and his reforms, in the greater weight of the military and in the rise of the chauvinistic Vladimir Zhirinovsky. These developments have had a special impact in the formerly Soviet-controlled and now independent market democracies of Poland, Hungary and the Czech and Slovak republics. Their fear is not so much of invasion or direct intimidation in the old style as of pressure, political and atmospheric. in the new. Imagining that they might again come under a sphere of influence directed from Moscow, they have redoubled their reach for the institutional company and patronage of the West. They want to enter NATO.

Until now Washington has discouraged any thought of extending alliance membership and security guarantees to the east. Instead it has offered a gauzier Partnership for Peace that would deepen consultation and fashion links of training, logistics and so on. Part of the hesitation arises from a reluctance to take on new security duties at a time of shrinking budgets and public support. A larger part springs from a judgment that expanding NATO would provoke Russia's nationalists and dispirit its re-

formers. Friends call this a "Russia-first" policy that recognizes the U.S. stake in assisting a country of permanent strategic heft. Critics see it as a "Russia-only" policy that aggravates the very tensions it was meant to case

It is in fact essential to serve the American interest in bringing along Russia. But it is no less necessary to advance the American interest in consolidating democracy in a slice of Europe that is not burdened by Russia's 1,000 years of difficult history and that is eager and demonstrably ready to join the West. Of course, care continued care — must be taken to broaden economic, political and even defense cooperation with Moscow to match Russia's centrality in American strategy. But at the NATO summit (Bill Clinton's first) opening on Monday in Brussels, the president needs to flesh out his partnership offer with assurances that states meeting agreed standards of democratic competence and military fitness can expect NATO membership in a specified time.

People are likely to look back on this moment as one in which the United States had the opportunity to break through to a legitimate new post-Cold War mission in Europe. It would be a large mistake to subordinate the extension of democracy to an overly solicitous reading of the Moscow scene.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Nuclear Guinea Pigs

There is no good excuse for some of the callous and cavalier radiation experiments performed on unsuspecting human patients in U.S. government-sponsored studies from the 1940s to the 1970s. Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary had good reason to declare herself 'appalled, shocked and deeply saddened" after reviewing one such experiment.

The information now emerging makes it clear that many scientists lacked the commonsensical fairness, honesty and compassion that is supposedly a hallmark of civilized humans: they had no qualms about endangering their patients and lying to them about it, with the blessings of the government. Many studies clearly crossed the line into unethical behavior.

The best evidence of that comes from the queasiness expressed by some of the scientists involved. In 1963, a nuclear research manager warned that radiation experiments on prisoners in Washington might have violated state and federal laws. And in 1950, a radiation biologist warned that experiments on humans "would have a little of the Buchenwald touch," referring to Nazi experiments on concentration camp victims.

The most questionable studies used vulnerable populations of dying, imprisoned or ig-norant Americans as guinea pigs in experiments designed to determine the harmful effects of radiation or to trace the path of radiation through the body. Worse yet, researchers did so without telling the subjects of the danger and without following them for

long periods afterward to determine if there were any adverse health effects.

in the example that shocked Mrs. O'Leary, scientists with the Manhattan Project, which developed the atom bomb, injected plutonium into 18 patients at several medical centers from 1945 to 1947 to determine how rapidly it would be excreted. The rationale seemed to be that the patients had illnesses that were expected to kill them within 10 years anyway, so why not gain useful knowledge from them that might help protect plutonium workers? Most of the patients seem not to have granted informed consent to the procedure. In some cases, the scientists went to great lengths to hide the true nature of the tests from the subjects and their relatives. And when questions about the ethics of such studies were raised by a congressional subcommittee in 1986, the Reagan administration turned a deaf ear.

The very least the government can do at this late stage is to track down and examine any participants still alive to determine if they need medical care or financial compensation for harm suffered. Mrs. O'Leary deserves credit for moving promptly to find and release as much information as possible. Her example has now led the Clinton administration to establish a government-wide task force to investigate the extent and nature of such experimentation and whether any harm resulted. Redemption from this unprincipled research requires a thorough and honest accounting.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

A Credible Investigator

position that there is no need to name an be made available to the Justice Department independent counsel in the Madison Guaran- investigators - but still not made public. ty Savings & Loan case. It argues that the ation is safely in the hands of career Madison affair. It is a compli-Justice Department attorneys, that the presi-that neither can nor ought to be dismissed. It is dent and Mrs. Clinton are cooperating fully even though not directly involved, and that cans now banging their spoons and calling for

aspects of this case still are, it represents precisely the kind of case in which an independent counsel ought to be appointed. We say that even though — and this should be stressed — there has been no credible charge in this case that either the president or Mrs. Clinton did anything wrong. Nevertheless, it is in the public interest - and in the president's as well - to put the inquiry in independent hands.

Madison is the Arkansas S&L whose failure cost the federal government an estimated \$47 million and whose owner, James McDougal, was a longtime political and business associate of then Governor and Mrs. Clinton. Mr. McDougal, his wife at the time and the Clintons were partners in a vacation real estate venture called Whitewater Development Corporation. Critics suggest in retrospect that The Philippines' New Health Madison was loosely regulated by state officials while Bill Clinton was governor. At the same time, federal S&L investigators have suggested that Madison funds may have been improperly diverted to Whitewater and that the Clintons could have been among the beneficiaries of the diversions, although there is no indication that too long performed far below its potential. they were aware of any such transactions. Mr.

McDougal also helped Mr. Clinton retire a specifical condition of the mid-1980s.

The country has made significant political and economic gains since Fidel Ramos assumed office in June 1992. Most important has

\$50,000 campaign debt in the mid-1980s. They describe themselves in the Whitewater instances as passive investors who ended up losing some \$69,000, although they have never claimed such a loss on their tax returns. They claim as well to have been entirely forthcoming in the affair — but then it turns out that White House spokesmen were not entirely forthcom- and join the ranks of Asia's newly industrializing about a Whitewater file in the office of the ing economies. It must not blow this chance. late White House deputy counsel, Vincent Fos-

The Clinton administration has taken the ter. The file and other papers are now going to

There are other loose ends with regard to the the attorney general has no current power to an independent investigation spent the 12 pre-appoint a fully independent counsel anyway. We think that is wrong. Murky though most tive branch, denouncing such investigations as pects of this case still are, it represents pretrue and it doesn't matter.

Nor is it protection enough to say that the investigation is in the hands of career attorneys. To whom do they report? Who clears and vouches for their work? There is no way even in the best of circumstances, which don't exist here, that a Justice Department can conduct a credible investigation involving a president to whom it is ultimately responsible. That is what is at issue in this matter, and why an independent ligure should be named.

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

Long dubbed "the sick man of Asia," the Philippines is now recording some economic numbers to cheer about. For a resource-rich country — and one blessed with a highly educated work force—the Philippines has for

been the return of political stability. The armed The Clintons say they did nothing wrong in connection with either Madison or Whitewater.

been the return of political stability. The armed connection with either Madison or Whitewater. decades inflicted a severe toll on the economy. Another factor has been the easing of the power crisis — the result of Mr. Ramos's fasttrack construction of new gas-fired plants. There is a real chance that the Philippines can

- Business Times (Singapore).



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Five Issues for a Serious American Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON — The foreign policy debate during the Clinton administration's first year focused almost totally on secondary issues. The United States can ill

afford such a huxury this year.

The only first-magnitude issue to get largescale public attention and sustained presidential focus (at the eleventh hour) was the North American Free Trade Agreement, Other such issues - Russia, the Middle East, North Korea, China, Japan, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade — drew episodic highlevel attention from an administration preoccupied with domestic concerns.

Three of the four most debated policies were Bosnia. Somalia and Haiti - all areas of actual or potential military intervention where American interests were less than vital. Despite progress on trade and in the Mid-dle East, the lack of focus on the big issues has led to weakened relationships with America's

The big issues require special attention in the Oval Office.

allies and a loss of support at home for continued U.S. leadership in the world. The outlook is approaching a point of peril for shaping a coherent foreign policy. To reverse this trend. President Bill Clin-

on needs to choose a few priority issues for 1994 and act on them. Here are five candidates - all matters where important U.S. interests are at stake and where U.S. actions

can make a difference.

Dealing with Russia, Ukraine and the rest of the former Soviet Union:

The administration has established American support for Bons Yeltsin as a leading force for political and economic reform. With the parliamentary elections over and the new constitution approved. America has to broaden U.S.-Russian relations.

Besides expanding contacts with all responsible elements of the political spectrum and emphasizing support not for individuals but for democratic institutions and market reforms, Washington should spend more time on such emerging features of Russia's foreign policy as its more menacing positions on nuclear weapons and the former Soviet empire.

If Russia can object to the expansion of NATO, the West should be able to make the expansion of Russian influence no less an issue. It has to make clear that its long-term support is not unconditional and will depend on Russia's adherence to political and economic reforms and restraint toward its neighbors. Relations with Russia cannot be the sole

wenue through which U.S. relations with Ukraine are conducted. American policy toward Ukraine has been confrontational and one-dimensional, linking willingness to provide assistance and normalize relations to Ukraine's willingness to give up its nuclear weapons. But the more Washington pushes this approach, the more the Ukrainians conclude that the weapons are valuable. Given Ukraine's collapsing economy and

Russia's uncertain intentions toward an independent Ukraine, we could end up with the worst of all worlds: an unstable and isolated Ukraine with nuclear weapons. The West should seek to promote Ukraini-

an stability, with support tied only to needed economic and political reforms; with this approach, the nuclear question can be addressed more productively.

Consolidating European security:

Too much of the U.S.-European dialogue has been consumed by squabbles over trade, finger-pointing over Bosnia and counterproductive suggestions that Asia is more impor-

tant to America than Europe, as if the two regions were mutually exclusive. Serious dialogue should be resumed on possible external threats to European stability.

The issue of expanding NATO will top the agenda at the NATO summit meeting next week. But it does not need formal expansion to deal with former Warsaw Pact countries. The goal in Eastern Europe should be to provide security and to consolidate political and economic progress (on which American help has been stingy), not to encourage governments to devote scarce resources to de-fense in order to earn admission to NATO.

Nor should the goal be to make NATO so big that it becomes unwieldy. America can promote European stability by developing less formal military ties to Eastern Europe and making clear that it will extend security guarantees if Moscow threatens neighbors' security. This approach should reassure Eastern Europe. avoid unduly provoking Moscow and provide leverage over Russia's external behavior.

Pacifying North Korea:
America has a clear interest in avoiding conflict on the Korean Peninsula. It has an equally clear interest in making sure that North Korea does not provoke an Asian arms race and does not add a nuclear dimension to the threat that it poses to regional stability. The administration said on Tuesday that it

was close to a compromise with Pyongyang. It is making a crucial error. Any arrangements for inspections must provide not for onetime but for regular and full access to all sites not merely the seven apparently agreed upon — that are known or suspected of having nuclear weapons activities.

in Weimar Germany, only worse:

economic disintegration, inflation, inequality, a breakdown of order

sense of national injury.

The administration of President

Boris Yeltsin is more inept and

impotent than the Weimar Repub-

lic was. The army voted over-

Admittedly, special factors fa-vored him. Reformers were divid-

ed and moderate nationalists were

excluded from the hallot, leaving

him as the only nationalist choice.

Nonetheless, the elections turned

ment in the performance of the Yeltsin administration, Mr. Zhir-

inovsky stands a good chance of

becoming the next president. He has cast himself as an unpredict-

able madman who could blackmail

the world with nuclear weapons. He will be as insatiable as Hitler,

with no means of staying in power

If the analogy with Hitler is

uncomfortable, it should shock

but oppression and conqu

whelmingly for Mr. Zhirinovsky.

morality, and a profound

By Brent Scowcroft and Richard Haass

If the North takes concrete steps to reduce the threat to the peninsula and the region, Washington should open meaningful political and economic relations. But whatever happens, the United States and South Korea should continue joint military exercises and strengthen the South's defenses against attack from the North, whether nuclear or conventional.

Fostering strategic dialogue with the Asia-

The North Korean issue demonstrates how important political-military relations remain in the Pacific. China's negative attitude on sanctions against North Korea, its aggressive and dangerous policy on arms exports, Japan's hints about rethinking its non-nuclearweapons policy, the conventional military buildup among members of the Association of South East Asian Nations — all this suggests strongly that Washington cannot allow its diplomacy with the world's most vibrant economies to be dominated by trade disputes. Instead, it needs broader consultations on national priorities and changing national relationships in a dynamic Asia

Strengthening the siners of foreign policy:
Chief among the requisites for successful foreign policy is a credible military able to give weight and support to policy.

The administration has cut the already much reduced defense budget that it inherited from George Bush. The cuts are even larger than often realized, considering that the defense budget includes a range of international activities that do not contribute directly to U.S. forces. The U.S. military must not become a hollow instrument in which the sizes and composition of forces and their readiness are not supported by necessary training, maintenance.

personnel and spare parts. The defense secretary-designate, Bobby Ray inman, faces a tough job. He must convince Mr. Clinton to finance the Pentagon's possible budget request of \$255 billion for the 1995 fiscal year and fight for it on Capitol Hill. President Clinton, who has shown his abili-

ty to exploit the power of his office to shape the nation's political agenda -on the budget, health care, crime - must do no less on issues of foreign and defense policy.

There are, of course, other national security

matters deserving high-level attention. A short list includes consolidating and where possible expanding gains in trade liberalization, continuing Iraq's isolation, maintain vigilance toward Iran, promoting democratic change in Cuba, normalizing ties with Vietnam, coping with continuing instability in the former Yugoslavia and rethinking the U.S. relationship to peacekeeping, peacemaking and the United Nations.

These or other issues may turn out to require sustained, high-level involvement - say, if the Middle East peace process falters of if the war in Bosnia spreads. But what is certain is that the big issues require special attention in the Oval Office. They offer the areas of greatest opportunity if the United States takes the lead and the greatest risk if it does not

Mr. Scowcroft, president of the Forum for International Policy, a foreign affairs founda-tion, was national security adviser under George Bush and Gerald Ford. Mr. Hooss, a National Security Council staff member in the Bush administration, is a senior associate at the Carnevie Endowment for International Peace. They con-

Get Serious About Helping Russia Go Straight

By George Soros

N EW YORK — Vladimir Zhirinovsky's strong show-ing in the Russian parliamentary elections last month constitutes a the civilized world into action. There is a simple way to prevent Mr. Zhirinovsky from coming to serious security threat to the world. Mr. Zhirinovsky has modeled power: improve the performance of the present government.

This would require a profound himself on Hitler. The conditions that drove voters to support him are similar to those that prevailed

change in Western attitudes. We must recognize that the collapse of the Soviet system has plunged the region into a crisis that endangers peace and stability far beyond its borders. We cannot protect our security by strengthening our defenses; we can do so only by exerting a constructive influ-

ence within the region.

We must help Russia and the other former Soviet republics make the transition to democratic, market-oriented, open societies, because they cannot do it on their own; and we must help them build legal and security structures

him from a marginal figure into a credible contender for power. Barring an unexpected improveto preserve peace.
At next week's NATO summit, the Clinton administration is to propose what it calls a Partnership for Peace, extending a hand to some East European states. The steps proposed — joint exercises for peacekeeping, crisis manage-ment, search and rescue missions. disaster relief — are totally inade-quate, but the basic idea is good. It needs to be expanded into a genuine partnership with a strong component of economic assistance. The military and security as-

pects could be entrusted to NATO, but the economic, legal and political aspects would require the creation of a task force under the aegis of the Group of Seven or the Group of 24 countries, which are currently providing aid to Eastern Europe. The task force would need

a unified command.

It should be recognized that eco-nomic assistance to the former Soviet Union has, so far, been an unmitigated failure. It need not be so. My foundations have developed a formula that works: It consists of finding a trustworthy partner, retaining the purse strings but working for the benefit of recipients, not of the donors. It has worked in the Internation-

al Science Foundation, which is distributing \$100 million to natural science and has benefited 30,000 scientists in the former Soviet Union: in the Privatization Training Institute, established in partnership with the Ministry of Privatization; and in the Transformation of the Humanities — a joint project with the Education Ministry to replace Marxism-Leniniem in echoole

After the Russian elections. many voices urged a slowdown in economic reform. The opposite is the right policy. A social safety net is an integral part of an ad vanced market economy, but

Russia cannot afford one on its own. That is why international assistance is indispensable. Balance-of-payment support from the International Monetary Fund could be delivered in the form of

social security payments.
Similarly, NATO exercises could provide hard-currency enployment to Russian officers. In s way, large and important segments of the population would have something to lose if Mr. Zhirmovsky came to power.

I have been predicting the emergence of nationalistic dictatorships since 1990, but I did not anticipate Mr. Zhirinovsky's electoral success. It happened sooner than I expected, and it fulfills my worst fears. I considered the threat so serious that I have spent or committed \$1 billion of my personal fortune for the promotion of what I call open society.

Do the open societies of the

world care about their way of life? Are they willing to make any effort to promote it? There is not much time left for action. President Bill Clinton's forthcoming trip to the NATO summit, to Prague and to Moscow is proba-bly the last chance successfully to initiate radically different policy toward the former Soviet empire.

The writer, an international financier, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

India Has a Centrist Void That Pro-Hindu Moderates Might Fill

N EW DELHI — Political corruption is per-haps as widespread in India as in Japan or Italy. Yet for all its flaws, Indian democracy has shown repeatedly that it will not reward extremism. This is a lesson that the pro-Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party must learn after serious setbacks in recent elections across northern India, including Uttar Pradesh. If it wishes to gain power in New Delhi, it must shed extremism

The BJP's leadership has always been divided between moderates, who generally want reli-gion kept out of politics, and hard-liners, who want religion to be the basis of politics.

The moderates, until now the weaker faction, would like the BJP to be a center-right conservative party appealing broadly to the ethos of Hindu civilization but without dogmatism. Their model is the Christian Democratic Party of Germany. The hard-liners, with their furtive links to extremist Hindu religious organizations, want

By Bharat Wariavwalla

the BJP to champion the cause of Hindnism. The elections showed that centuries-old caste divisions, reinforced in recent years by class differences, cannot be overcome by an appeal to religion. Rama, hero of the epic Ramayana and the symbol around which the BJP sought to unite the country's Hindu majority, does not appeal to deprived and dispossessed Hindus. They see him as the god of the privileged.

Just over a year ago, it appeared that Rama would be a potent symbol of Hindu national-

ism for the BJP. When a crowd of Hindu zealots demolished the 16th century Babri mosque in Ayodhya, the alleged birthplace of Rama, in December 1992, it seemed that Hindus, long divided into innumerable castes and subcastes, might have found a focus for political unity.

This has not happened. Instead, those who dreaded the aggressive variety of Hindu nationalism preached by some in the BJP joined hands to defeat what they saw as an intolerant, upper-caste elite. The key groups in this de facto alliance were the Muslims and Untouchable and backward-caste Hindus.

For example, those outside or at the margins of the hierarchical and oppressive Hindu caste order joined hands to defeat the BIP in Uttar Pradesh. The Bahujan Samaj Party, representing Untouchables, and the Samajwadi Janata Party, the party of the backward castes and classes, emerged victorious. For the first time, those outside the pale of Findu social order are

ruling the largest state in India.
Nationalist ideologues in the BIP argued that
Muslim orthodoxy, with its emotional and political links to Pakistan and the Islamic world, stood in the way of a strong nation built on science.

technology and capitalism. Hinduism, they as-serted, must settle its historic score with Islam if it is to advance into the modern era.

Yet only if the semi-religious BJP becomes moderate and softens its hostility toward Muslims will it stand a chance of emerging as a serious contender for national power. Such reform could pay handsome political dividends. There is now a centrist void to be tilled in Indian politics. The Congress Party, which occupied this space for the past 35 years, is in great disarray. P. V. Narasimha Rao, the prime minister, survives in power by deft manucuring and an unusually large share of good

could prove to be weak assets. The writer, senior fellow at the Center for the Study of Developing Societies, in New Delhi, contributed this comment to the Herald Tribune.

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Arafat Is a Clever Loser but He Can't Afford to Lose This Time

WASHINGTON — Yasser Ara-fat has spent his political life playing and winning weak hands that other men would have thrown away. But that will not be the case in his brinkmanship contest with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Weakness can be an asset in Arab

politics when it is manipulated eleverly—a game that the PLO chairman has mastered. He created his Palestine Liberation Organization out of a military defeat. He has sustained it for three decades in similar fashion. rising like a phoenix from the ashes of disaster after disaster.

He can choose no other strategy. Weakness is the Palesunian condi-

The Ghost of the PLO

ON THE White House lawn last September, Israel in effect signed a peace agreement with a phantom organization, because the Palestine Liberation Organization, in every sense, no longer exists.

Its military forces were expelled from Beirut in 1982 and later dispersed. The social and political institutions the PLO operated for many years also have collapsed.

Finally, there is the erosion of support for the PLO among the main-stream, tied to the sneaking suspicion that the leadership has lost touch with the realities of Palestinian life. Palestinian democrats feel enraged

at seeing their ideas thrown out the window by a lew posturing officials. A new generation of Palestinians, cut from the same quarry of shared strug-gle and kinship of vision, will surely come forward and tell these "sole, official representatives" to move on. - Fawaz Turki, author of "Exile's Return: The Making of a Palestinian-American," in The Washington Post.

By Jim Hoagland

tion, bred by centuries of Turkish. British, Arab and Israeli occupation. It should come as no surprise that Mr. Arafat is willing to risk the col-lapse of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations by backtracking on what the Israelis say was a done deal. The razor's edge is home territory for him.

He has thrown the negotiations into bitter deadlock by rejecting Israeli control over border crossings into the West Bank and Gaza Strip — even though Mr. Rabin has always insisted that this was a sine qua non for Israeli military withdrawals from those occupied territories. The Israelis say the Palestinians in fact accepted such an arrangement in talks in Cairo last week.

This dispute hinges as much on cultural and political differences as on hagging for tactical advantage.

Mr. Arafat could bring down the entire Palestinian-Israeli peace accord if he fails to recognize how different the dynamics of this situation are form assurious cliff-hangers he has from previous cliff-hangers he has created and then exploited.

Mr. Rabin will respond to weakness and unpredictability not with sympathy and concession but by digging in more firmly. The shame factor, deliberately used in Arab politics to undermine the legitimacy and authority of a stronger opponent, plays almost no role in Israeli political culture, which abhors the self-doubt that Mr. Arafat's tactics have inspired in

other opponents.

Mr. Arafat has repeatedly salvaged political victory out of military defeat since PLO guerrillas ambushed Israeli troops in Jordan in 1968. His men lost that battle, but their willingness and ability to fight the Israeli army at all established the PLO as an independent force in Arab politics.

The PLO gained international sympathy two years later by being crushed in Jordan's civil war. The guerrilla organization also benefited from the

1973 Arab-Israeli war, in which the Arabs initially surprised and humiliared Israel before suffering devastating battlefield losses that were halted by U.S. diplomatic intervention. In 1982, Mr. Arafat survived Isra-

el's siege of Beirut and emerged as a hero in Arab eyes, even though the PLO was dispersed from its opera-tional base in Lebanon. Similarly, he lost the war of international terrorism — the Palestinian cause was tarnished and its terror agents were tracked down and eliminated by the Israelis — but he remained unchal-lenged in his leadership position. Until, that is, the summer of 1990. By backing Saddam Hussein's inva-

sion of Kuwait, he infuriated the Gulf rulers who had been his principal financial backers. Saddam's defeat brought Mr. Arafat nothing ex-cept ostracism and bankruptcy. He agreed to Israel's terms for peace talks in order to brake the PLO's swift slide toward disintegration.
The Palestinian is discovering that he cannot rely on external factors for

much help in his diplomatic arm wrestling with Mr. Rabin. The Clinton administration has wisely declined to come galloping to Mr. Arafat's aid by pressuring Mr. Rabin. And Mr. Arafat's Arab brothers are either too angry at him for supporting Saddam or too absorbed with their own problems to weigh in with the Americans or the Israelis on Mr. Arafat's behalf.

Egypt has been his most consistent. base of support among major Arab countries and would like to help him now. But Cairo's ability to influence

the Israelis has been seriously weak-ened by the Cold Peace that has prevailed since the two former enemies signed a peace treaty in 1979.

The Arab player Mr. Arafat must watch most closely now is Syria's

Hafez Assad, who was humiliated by the secret Palestinian-Israeli contacts leading to the peace accord and who has other reasons to take revenge on Mr. Arafat. If Mr. Arafat miscalculates and goes over the brink in his own separate negotiations with Israel, Mr. Assad would have a clear track to pursue a deal with Mr. Rabin on the Golan Heights. He could not now be accused of selling out the

Palestinians by negotiating separately with the Israelis.

Syria in fact may have been the real target all along for Mr. Rabin, who is skeptical of Mr. Arafat's abil-

ity to deliver. Listening to Mr. Raity to deliver. Listening to Mr. Rabin strongly insist a few weeks ago in
Washington that there were no prospects for a deal with Syria now,
I thought I heard a prime minister
who doth protest too much who doth protest too much.
Failure on the Palestinian track
might suit Mr. Rabin fine. For one thing, it would probably be politically fatal for Mr. Arafat, who could finally wind up losing by losing.

The Washington Post. IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: A Curious Custom

LONDON —As to-day [Jan. 6] is the feast of the Epiphany, the Royal offering of gold, frankincense and myrth will be presented at the altar of the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace. The offering usually consists of twenty sovereigns, with small packets of spices. In former days the offering was financed with a cheque for £50, which was furnished by the Lord Stewart, and on one occasion when Prince Albert happened to attend the service he had the curiosity to examine the contents of the box in which the offerings were made. He discovered that the gold was represented merely by a single sovereign. It turned out that the balance of the £50 was always distributed in fees and perquisites to various persons who took part in the function and to some : of the officials of the chapel.

Helsingfors [Helsinki] says that 17 Bolshevists have been arrested at the Finnish frontier. They give a distress-ing account of the arrest citrofica in ing account of the present situation in Petrograd. The city, they say, is simply an unmense cemetery. People faint daily from hunger, they fall and die in the streets. Oats are about the only food that is left to ear. A herring costs 20 roubles, a bunch of faggots 300 roubles. The working classes are exhibiting a profound discontent with the Bolshevist regime.

1944: One Double Each LONDON - [From our New York

edition:] Many bars started rationing customers today [Jan. 5] to one dolble a visit after distillers wanted that a visit after distillers was a visit after our was likely soot in Britain's liquor supply. Describing the whisky simation as "acres" one distiller said exports to North and South America also would be said. 1919: Starving Russians
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-Of Nihilism and the Genius Of American Pop Culture

By David Rieff

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makes it so difficult for such cultures to concoct the dreamscape that has been America's great contribution to the 20th century. Now, even more than in the past, it is the inorganic quality of the American cultural mix that has made it infinitely exportable.

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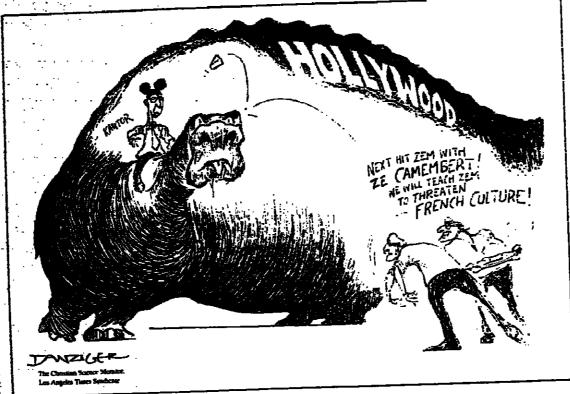
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clinton and the Economy

Regarding the report "Strong Data Point to a Good '94 for U.S. Econom' (Dec. 30) by Lawrence Malkin:

President Bill Clinton's tax increase may have helped keep interest rates down, but not for the virtuous reason Mr. Malkin states. By raising taxes, Mr. Clinton took money away from private investment and discouraged work - investment and work being the two ele-ments needed for growth. Growth in-creases the demand for money, which in turn tends to increase interest rates. It is Mr. Clinton's slow growth that maintains low rates, not his so-called debt reduction. When you tax to reduce government borrowing you reduce savings and consumption by roughly the same amount you reduce borrowing. The two offset each other, the effect on interest

President George Bush's recession (brought on partly by increased taxes and new regulation) brought down interest rates, short and long, Mr. Clinton inherited these low rates, he did not create them. This is verified by tracking the Treasury-bill rate and Lehman Bond Index over the last two years of the Bush administration and the first year under Mr. Clinton.

Taxing is not the way to reduce the delicit, because taxing has an adverse effect on growth. Growth provides a vernment with more revenues and rechices its expenditures. Interest rates are influenced by several things, economic activity and inflation being the most important. There is an old saying: "The bond market loves a recession. Fourth-quarter growth in '93 was

about equal to growth in the same quarter of '92, but under this heavier burden of taxes it is unlikely to be sustained through '94. The Bush-Clin-ton taxes make it difficult to maintain the growth we had in 1983-88. Moreover, the greatest deficit reduction we had was in 1987 (down to \$145 billion) after the tax cut of 1986. (The increase in the deficit in the early 1980s came from the recession of 1981-82, not from the Reagan tax cuts which took effect after the deficits had disappeared.

EVAN G. GALBRAITH.

Be Clear About NATO

Regarding "Engagement in Europe, Partnership With Russia" (Opinian, Jan. 3) by Timothy Garton Ash, Michael Mertes and Dominique Moisi:

Would the West risk a nuclear war to protect Poland or the Czech Republic from a Russia led by Vladimir Zhirinovsky or some other Russian nationalist? Remember Munich 1938 - or for that matter, Bosnia 1992! To change NATO's role of protecting Western Europe into a less defined role of global European protection (against Russia, who else?) creates confusion as to what is and what is not a vital interest for NATO.

NATO's role should be kept simple and clear: to protect Western Europe from aggression. Let the frontiers of NATO be the frontiers of nuclear retaliation. Stop this idealistic nonsense of a global European defense system when the alliance is unable even to solve what began as a minor crisis in Yugoslavia. Let's be down to earth: Russia is a

nuclear power with a very powerful army.

however demoralized it is at present. The West will not risk a nuclear war for Romania or the Baltic states - but it would for France or Germany. Was then sign a useless treaty with a country the West is not willing to defend? FERNANDO BARCIA.

Left Standing at the Door

Regarding "East Europeans at the Door, Betrayed" by Marc Ballon and "Lucie Was No. What the U.S. Wants" by Alan Lety (Operion, Dec. 16):

Brave for printing these two opinion pieces about the depletable treatment of young Czecis by American consular officers. As an American visitor to Central Europe in 1990, i witnessed such dis-graceful behavior first-hand while assisting two young Czech friends who wished to visit America for the first time. They had saved up their crowns, and I enthusiastically offered to be their host so they could experience some of the freedom they had so bravely femalt for.

The American consul in Prague put us all through a demeaning and arrogantly conducted interview, similar to those described in the articles. Fortunately, we were successful and my friends had a tremendous experience "abroad," returning to Prague with a more positive impression of Americans than what was resented by the consular corps.

I had hoped that my friends experi-

ence in Prague was an aberration. I am disheartened to see that the situation appears to be official policy and seems to be getting worse. ЛМ KULSTAD.

When the Artists Acquiesce To Their Own Corruption

By Ken Ringle

great Indian fighter hung little girls on aesthetic criteria that have produced and meat hooks — a vignette substantiated recognized great art through the ages. No by even sympathetic contemporary portraits, which paint him as not only a prave and formidable Apache leader. but one of the most ruthless and cruel. No meat books are evident in the final or prejudice, filmmakers resisted treating film, which makes the great warrior not them as individuals. Political correctness, much meaner than Tonto.

In Toronto, fist-shaking protesters turn out at the premiere of a Broadwaybound revival of the Jerome Kern-Oscar

MEANWHILE

Hammerstein musical "Show Boat," denouncing the show's melodious portray-al of blacks and whites in the 1880s as

"racist hate propaganda."

As visitors enter the Biennial exhibit As visitors enter the Bienmai exhibit at New York's Whitney Museum of American Art, they are told to don a button that says, "I can't imagine ever wanting to be white."

Welcome to the arts world of the '90s. where aesthetics and creativity too often exhibit —the heartbreaking Taino mask take a back seat to political posturing. and the only people we are not afraid of offending are straight white guys.

Once upon a time we couldn't even mention homosexuality on the stage. Now we are lucky to find a play about anything else. But the gay characters tend to be either cuddly and domestic ("Twilight of the Golds"), lovably bitchy ("Falsettos") or noble victims ("As Is"). Hetcrosequals can be portrayed as violent. but not homosexuals, although emergency rooms are regularly peopled with gay men and lesbians who courted "rough

trade" once too often. It is true, of course, that for too long the arts community ignored or stereotyped ethnic or cultural minorities. But today the forces of PC try to remedy that not by avoiding stereotypes altogether

— Southern sheriffs, fundamentalist ministers and Catholic nuns, for example, are acceptable grist for one-dimen-sional ridicule — but by treating the arts like a Marin County group therapy ses-sion, where all problems will be solved if we just shout at the "oppressive establishment and give everyone else a hug-

Granted, any artist's view of reality is selective, and times and tastes change. But what distinguishes the particular force presently tainting the arts from those before is its intellectual cowardice.

There have always been pressures for conformity and restriction in the arts, but in the past these have come almost entirely from the outside, and have been resisted. Today the former freedom fighters are all too often the very voices of repression. Rarely, if ever, has the arts community been so earnestly acquiescent in its own

censorship and corruption.

What is so maddening about the PC groupthink is its implication that there is

WASHINGTON — In the original some sort of conflict between nurraring screennias for the new marie W screenplay for the new movie genuine cultural diversity—who doesn't favor that?—and maintaining the classic such conflict exists.

If motion pictures in the past, for example, misrepresented Indians and blacks, it was because, blinded by naïvete in its insistence on defining and promoting art according to the race or gender or ethnicity or circumstance of the artist or performer, extends the same dehumanizng mentality in a different context.

Nothing underlined the fallacy of that approach more than the "Circa 1492" exhibit last year at the National Gallery of Art — perhaps the most culturally diverse and inclusive show ever mounted. "Circa 1492" made stunningly irrelevani any argument about cultural imperialism or bias by measuring every major culture in the world at the time of Columbus's voyage by the greatest art from each that has survived.

Shining forth from the riches of that with its tears of rain, the exquisitely ornamented drinking cups and silver ship from Nuremburg, the fabulous carved heads from Benin — was the reaffirmation of the once revered con-

cept called universality. Does the great and significant art of every culture meet some test beyond the age, sex, race, ethnicity or politics of its creator? Does it transcend the barriers of time and language to speak to some universal concept of truth and beauty mysteriously linking all humankind? The obvious answer is yes.

But there was another message in the show. The dawn of the 16th century was a time of war and prejudice and suspicion and terror, as well as of learning. The Spanish Inquisition was in full bloom, and tribal and religious wars embroiled most of Europe, Africa and the Americas. Yet one looked in vain in "Circa 1492" for great art inspired by anger or fear.

While there was plenty prompted by fearful visions of the supernatural, great art about almost everything else springs not from hatred, fear and groupthink but from wonder, hope and the compelling vision of an individual artist. The Renaissance was about discovery, and so is all great art.

Anger and lear, on the other hand, are what political correctness is all about: anger at the inequities of life and society, fear of images and language and differences - and of one's own artistic inadequacy as well.

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Anger and fear only rarely produce great art. What they do produce — and the 16th century, again, is highly instructive — is the destruction of great art, from the Spanish sacking of Aziec temples to the Easier beginn of bless Spain. the English looting of New Spain.

The Washington Post.

GENERAL NEWS

Patten Readies Phase 2 Democracy Bill

Kevin Murphy

International Bend Tribune

HONG KONG — Attempting to prod China into reopening negotiations over democratic reforms in Hong Kong, a senior local govern-ment official said Wednesday that Britain was preparing to push still further ahead without Beijing's approval. "We could see legislation covering the so-

called controversial proposals made by Gover-nor Pattern being introduced to the Legislative Council as early as March," said the official, who asked not to be identified.

"We'd prefer to be talking to them about this, but China has to realize we have a legislative timetable to meet," said the official, confirming a report broadcast on the government-owned Radio Television Hong Kong radio service that indicated Britain's willingness to ignore Beijing's strong objections to its plans.

China and Britain have been locked in a

bitter 15-month dispute over the degree of democracy to be allowed in Hong Kong after its return to Benjing's rule in 1997. In October 1992, Governor Chris Patten first

proposed a series of reforms that were intended

By Steven Mutson Washington Past Service.

BEIJING — Senator J. Bennett Johnston,

leading a group from the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said Wednes-day it would be "unthinkable" to deny China

privileged trade status with the United States.
With Chine expected to build 15 to 20 big

power plants a year after 1995, Mr. Johnston,

Democrat of Louisiana, is pushing to get Amer-

itan companies a piece of the fast-growing

Mr. Johnston met Wednesday with Prime

Minister Li Peng and the head of the National

People's Congress, Qiao Shi. The senator said they had discussed human rights, Thet, arms sales, North Korea's nuclear potential and Chi-

more of apparently fruitless talks, Mr. Patten more of apparently frustless taits, Mr. Pattern decided to begin the legislative process on roughly half of the package, while leaving the door open to talks on the remaining proposals. door open to talks on the remaining proposats.

According to China, such a strategy has sabotaged further negotiations. Beijing went further in late December, saying it would respond to Britain's unilateral actions by dismantling

Hong Kong's tince-tiered system of government after 1997.

A bill that would lower the voting age to 18. abolish appointed membership to municipal administrative boards and institute a one-vote. one-seat format for the 20 members of the 60member legislature chosen by direct election is now working its way through the Legislative

Council.

The bill, containing steps deemed the least controversial of Mr. Patten's proposals, also would allow 28 Hong Kong residents who are

to widen the electoral base for future elections to be held in Hong Kong. China has steadfastly objected to the proposals, contending that they break the spirit of British-Chinese agreements on the transfer of sovereignty.

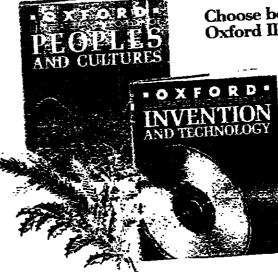
After seven months of silence and seven more of appearently familiese talks. Mr. Better discussing them at the time, the government official said.

The second bill would define the structure of an Election Committee that would chose 10 members of the Legislative Council. The legislation would also determine the number of voters in functional constituencies, which are organized along trade and professional-group

During the now-moribund negotiations, Britain reduced the numbers of voters it sought to include in the functional constituencies. It also made some concessions on the composition of the Election Committee.

A final decision on which proposals will be included in new legislation will not be made until Mr. Patten meets with Prime Minister John Major and his cabinet during a visit to London this month, the official said.

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"At each meeting we said we hoped more American dollars and American business would be coming to China," he said, adding that his Chinese counterparts replied that "the limits are largely American-made. nmus are unitary concernant Mr. Li told the [Xinhua press agency said Mr. Li told the senators, "We believe that farsighted American statesmen and entrepreneurs will not keep aloof from this market or turn a deal ear to this

precious opportunity," The Associated Press reported.]
Mr. Johnston said that to block the renewal of most favored-nation trade status, in which imports from China are subject to the lowest

possible U.S. tariffs, would "in my mind be unthinkable, a disaster for human rights." Mr. Johnston also said be backed renewed sales of nuclear power plant technology to China. "If they don't get it from us, they will get it from someone else," he said."

Sensior Arken Specter, Republican of Penn-

Unblock Trade, Senator Urges in China the delegation. "Progress on human rights is not sufficient in my view." Mr. Specter said. He said he wanted "to put them on notice" that the renewal of most-favored-nation status "is not a foregone conclusion." Beijing Claims a Round

lvania, sounded the only skeptical note from

China claimed victory Wednesday in a dis-pute with the United States over allegations that it exported goods made by prisoners, Reu-

ters reported from Beijing.
The People's Daily quoted from the Dec. 13 issue of a U.S. government publication, the Federal Register, saying that the No. 1 Qinghe Prison in Beijing had not exported its hosiery to

The Federal Register said U.S. customs officials had found that merchandise made in the prison "is no langer being or is likely to be imported into the U.S."

na's economic growth. But Mr. Johnston, who is chairman of the energy committee, also had American business Rebel Jets Bomb Kabul as Troops Retake Airport KABUL—Rebel jets bombed posted Mr. Rabbani's forces back aviation and tourism, who was not home; and killing a passerby. The Afghan capital on Wednesday, billing, at least once person and wounding six, as Iranian diplomats attempted to mediate a cease-fine This enabled several of the northern care of

This enabled several of the gen-eral's jets to laimed three bombing, runs on Kabul and the Bagram air base just north of the capital, govcrament sources said. They were the first air raids by General Dustam's forces since he

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'Museum, Holy Ground, Cemetery': How, and Whether, to Save Auschwitz

By Jane Perlez

New York Times Service OSWIECIM. Poland — An in-ternational debate fraught with his-broken slabs of lichen-encrusted torical and moral questions is un- concrete and brick. der way about how Poland is to preserve the decaying remains of the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz.

The four main gas chambers and crematories here at Auschwitz, where approximately 1.6 million people, most of them Jews, were gassed and their ashes dumped in

the surrounding ponds and fields, were blown up by the Nazis. The

Concrete pillars that were used to hold up barbed-wire fences are disintegrating, weathered by the harsh winters in this isolated southwestern part of rural Poland.

There is only a small sign indi-cating that the ashes of about

kenau section of the camp is beginning to force decisions from Poland on whether it should be restored fully or partly, or be allowed to fade into oblivion. The debate is over which fate is

appropriate for the site of the largest mass killing of Jews in history. "Is this something so unique that no effort should be spared in show-

Taking different positions in the debate over Auschwitz are historiing future generations?" Professor ans, conservation experts, Jewish representatives and Poles laying

> Birkenau, the second camp at the Auschwitz complex, is the most eloquent testimony to what occurred

sity and a founding member of the

Auschwitz international commit-

tee, asked as he walked over the

floor of gas chamber No. 5, the last,

hastily constructed gas chamber.

"Or can you say Auschwitz lies in

its meaning and not its physical

From the spring of 1942 to the end of 1944, the vast majority of the Auschwitz victims were gassed at Birkenau, in what was then occupied Poland. Under blankets of snow recently, it was easy for visitors to scratch

away the earth near the pits, in the fields and at the pond where the ashes were buried, and find flints of

For some visitors, the ruins are

watchtowers, guardposts, some fences and the wooden barracks where the prisoners were held in appalling conditions.

According to this argument, one of the best ways of ensuring that the Nazi atrocities are not forgotten is to reconstruct the gas chambers so that visitors can walk in and, perhaps, imagine better what the horror was like.

The debate has come to the fore plans for its future.

For many, the chilling emptiness of the 175 hectares (430 acres) at of Poland, without consultation now for several reasons. Until 1989, the Communist government from the outside world, decided what happened at Auschwitz.

Immediately after World War II, the first Auschwitz death camp, which is actually the smaller of the two, was turned into a museum with artifacts of human hair, suitcases and clothes of the victims on display. The one gas chamber and its ovens were rebuilt.

In contrast, the Birkenau section was left virtually untouched, except for a memorial whose inscription failed to mention that most of the

When communism collapsed,

pond near one of the crematories. Jonathan Webber, a fellow in JewNow the deterioration of the BirNow the deterioration of the Birkenau sertion of the count is beginsix and a found in member of the count is a found in member of the count is begin and a found in member of the count is begin and a found in member of the count is begin at the count is a found in member of the count is a found in the count in the count is a found in the count is a found in the count in the count is a found in the count in the count is a found in the count in the of historians, conservation experts, Jewish representatives and Polish Catholics to reshape the way the

Auschwitz complex is presented. The debate over Auschwitz has also been driven by renewed interest in the Holocaust in the last few years, prompted in part by the aging of the generation of survivors

'Can you say that Auschwitz lies in its meaning and not in its physical site? Jonathan Webber,

and by a changed attitude of many younger Jews, who want to remem-ber rather than forget.

Oxford professor

Auschwitz gained added attention from the controversy over a Roman Catholic convent building occupied by Carmelite nuns next to the camp. That issue was resolved in 1993 when the Vatican, under

nearly a decade there.

Whatever is done at the Birkenau section of the camp, it will most likely be done slowly.

To assist the museum in its preservation efforts, the German government announced a grant of about \$20 million in 1992 for the next five years. And a television fund-raising event in Germany gar-nered \$1 million from the public in 1992. The museum is to use the German funds in ways approved by the international committee, said Folkmar Stoecker, cultural attaché at the German Embassy in

So far, some of the money is being spent on a new acclimatization system for the exhibits at the stances. One of our greatest confirst Auschwitz camp, for reinforce straints as curators is that Ausching some crumbling chimneys of wooden barracks and for a conserholy ground, cemetery and monnvation workshop at the museum to ment. How do we show visitors that explore the latest preservation techniques, Mr. Stocker said. But, he added, the emotional question of what to do about the

gas chambers has remained unresolved.
"If you have a brick wall against remember they were shor?

"Auschwitz, as the world's largest cemetery, is holy ground," said Bohdan Rymaszewski, secretary of the International Committee of the

Auschwitz Museum. What is perfectly acceptable procedure in other museums here

borders on profamity." Museum officials, sensitive to outside opinion, say they may have

found a middle ground. "Our overriding priority is the museum's authenticity and dignity." said Franciszek Cemka, director of museums at the Polish Culture Ministry. "Thus we will seek to limit the intrusion of modern subunder a particular patch of grass lie the ashes of thousands? Opening a cross section would understand-

ably offend religious sensibilities:
"Because of its unique character, Auschwitz is largely an exercise in

Arthur Dreifuss of Film and Stage Dies

LOS ANGELES - Arthur Dreifuss, a prolific German-born director, producer and writer of movies. television shows and Broadway musicals, has died. He was 85.

Mr. Dreifuss died at his home in suburban Studio City on New Year's Eve after a brief bout with the flu, his daughter, Nancy Hess, said Tuesday.

1928, said his friend George Mi- nature series "Wildlife in Crisis," producer, and at one point had six

Mr. Dreifuss was lured to Hollywood in the 1930s, and became a contract director. He shifted to television in the 1950s and 1960s, and became a talent agent in the

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Bronze Age Tin Mystery Solved

By John Noble Wilford New York Times Service

EW YORK - Archaeologists have discovered tin in Turkey. No one is predicting a rush by miners to stake claims or any quick riches to be made on the world's metal markets, for the amount discovered is trifling. But scholars are hailing the discovery as a solution to one of the most enduring mysteries about ancient technology: Where did the metalsmiths of the Middle East get the tin to produce the prized alloy that gave the Bronze Age its name? The new findings could change established

thinking about the role of trade and metallurgy in the economic and cultural expansion of the Middle East in the Bronze Age, which ran from about 3000 B. C. to 1100 B. C.

After thousands of years in which copper was the only metal in regular use, the rising civilizations of Mesopotamia set off a revolution in metallurgy when they learned to combine tin with copper — about 5 to 10 percent tin and the rest copper — to produce bronze.

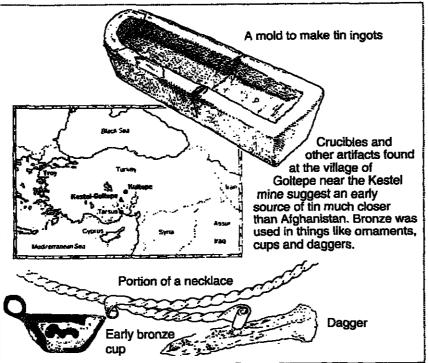
Bronze was easier to cast in molds than copper and much harder, with the strength of some steel. Though expensive, bronze was even-tually used in a wide variety of things, from axes and awls to hammers, sickles and weapons, like daggers and swords. The wealthy were entombed with figurines, bracelets and pen-

Digging through rains and deciphering an cient texts, scholars have shaped an image of the Bronze Age as a time of vibrant economic expansion, the earliest Sumerian cities and the first great Mesopotamian empires. They found many sources of copper ore and evidence of furnaces for copper smelting. But despite their searching, they could never find any sign of ancient tin

mining or smelting closer than Afghanistan. It seemed incredible that such an important industry could have been founded and sustained with long-distance trade alone. But where was there any tin closer to home?

After systematic explorations in the central Taurus Mountains of Turkey, an archaeologist at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago has found a tin mine and ancient mining village north of the Mediterranean coastal city of Tarsus. This is the first clear evidence of a local tin industry in the Middle East, archaeologists said, and it dates from the early years of the Bronze Age. Some of the metal might have been imported from faraway

Afghanistan or elsewhere, but not all. Dr. Aslihan Yener of the Oriental reported that the mine and village demonstrated that tin mining was a well-developed industry in the region as long ago as 2870 B. C. She analyzed artifacts to re-create the process used to separate un from ore at relatively low tem-



peratures and in substantial quantities. Dr. Vincent C. Pigott, a specialist in the archaeology of metallurgy at the University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, said: "By all indications, she's got a tin mine. It's excellent

archaeology and a major step forward in under-standing ancient metal technology.

To Dr. Guillermo Algaze, an anthropologist at the University of California at San Diego and a scholar of Mesopotamian civilizations, the discovery is significant because it shows that bronze metallurgy, like agriculture and many other transforming human technologies, apparently developed independently in several places. Much of the innovation, moreover, seemed to come not from the urban centers of southern Mesopotamia, in today's Iraq, but from northern hinterlands, like Anatolia, in what is now Turkey.

Speaking of the ancient tin workers of the Taurus Mountains, Dr. Algaze said: "It's very clear that these are not just rustic provincials sitting on resources. They had a high level of metallurgy technology, and they were exploit-ing tin for trade all around the Middle East."

passages running more than a mile into the mountainside, with others still blocked and unexplored. The archaeologists found only lowgrade tin ore, presumably the remains of richer been thought.

Darker Theory on Childhood Asthma

deposits that had been mined out. For this reason, Dr. James D. Muhly, a professor of ancient Middle Eastern history at the University of Pennsylvania, said he was skeptical of interpretations that Kestel was a tin mine. "They have identified the geological presence of tin," he contended. "Almost every piece of

granite has at least minute concentrations of tin in it. But was there enough there for mining? I don't think they have found a tin mine."

In her defense, Dr. Yener said: "His arguments are still based on an analysis of the mine and not the industry. He has to address the analysis of the crucibles."

Slag left over from the smelting, collected last summer from inside the crucibles and in surrounding debris, contained not low-grade tin ore but material with 30 percent tin content, good enough for the metal trade. This analysis, including various tests with electron microscopes and X-rays, was conducted with the stance of technicians from Cornwall.

The tin-rich slag, Dr. Yener concluded, es-The mine, at a site called Kestel, has narrow being mined and smelted at Kestel and Goltepe. They could not have met all of the Middle East's tin needs in the Bronze Age, she said, but neither was all the tin imported, as had long

Taking the Measure of the Soul

By Malcolm W. Browne New York Tunes Service

EW YORK — Breathes there the man, with soul so dead, that it lacks mass, velocity and something physicists call "spin?" Spoofing an endless debate as to whether religion and science can be reconciled, an English physicist proposes applying advanced laboratory techniques to measuring the soul and putting some theological ideas to a quantitative test.

The proposal comes from Dr. David E. H. Jones of the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, better known by his pen name Daeda-lus. As Daedalus, he has delighted readers since 1964 with a magazine column in which he blends perfectly sound scientific ideas with proposed applications that verge on the outrageous. Dr. Jones's wit lightens the unassailably serious pages of the British scientific journal Nature each week.

No stranger to complex technology, Dr. Jones once built an ordinary-looking but subtly unbalanced bicycle that he had designed to be impossible to ride. Another of his feats was the construction of a fraudulent perpetual motion machine that defied explanation by many of his fellow scientists. Dr. Jones also conducts serious but often offbeat research;

one of his investigations concluded that ar-seme in the wallpaper of the St. Helena house where Napoleon ended his days may have hastened the exiled French emperor's death. The weighing of souls is a notion rooted in antiquity. The ancient Egyptian gods Anubis and Thoth balanced the hearts of the dead

against feathers, and if the hearts were too heavy they were devoured by a waiting monster. But Dr. Jones's tongue-in-cheek ap-proach involves more sophisticated apparatus than a simple balance.

Dr. Jones suggests that by attaching piezo-electric transducers, inertial-navigation accelerometers and other instruments to a dving person, it should be possible to measure the direction, velocity and spin of the soul as it leaves the body, causing the body to recoil slightly. The change in body weight would reveal the soul's mass. ("Spin" is a quantum property of subnuclear particles; the lepton and quark particles that make up matter have spins designated as one-half, while force-carrier particles like those of light have spins of zero, one, two or other integer numbers.)

Traditional theology is silent on the spin of the soul," Daedalus writes, "though it may predict that the soul of a sinner would depart downward, and might weigh less than that of

a righteous believer." The Daedalus proposal for measuring the

physical properties of the soul follows a long and lively exchange of letters to Nature on religion and related subjects. Prominent scientists and other thinkers have joined in the correspondence, and sparks often fly.

N October, for instance, Dr. Hermann Bondi, formerly the chief scientist of the British Defense Ministry, wrote to Na-ture that since the world's major religions contradict each other, "a huge number of believers must be wrong."

He added: "The variety of religions is a calamitously divisive force in human affairs. The less this factor is brought in, the better for all. This is especially incumbent on those working in a universal and global enterprise

Soul measurements could also settle arguments about abortion, Daedalus suggests. By applying a soul detector to pregnant women. he writes, investigators could check theologians who argue that the soul enters the embryo a week or so after conception.

"It is clearly worthwhile," Dr. Jones writes. "to establish this moment accurately. If the soul turns out to enter the fetus quite late in pregnancy, the religious arguments against contraception and early abortion will be neatly disproved."

Heart Risks of the 2d Generation

By Jane E. Brody New York Times Service

EW YORK - No anatomical or surgical study has revealed more about the health of the American heart than the four-decade project involving the people of Framingham, Massachusetts.

Beginning in 1949, more than 5,200 Framingham residents have participated in a unique study that has shown how living habits like smoking and inactivity and health factors like obesity and high blood pressure, influence a person's chances of developing and dying of cardiovascular diseases, the leading killers in the United States.

For the last two decades, 5,100 of the children of the original participants have also been studied, carrying the Framingham work into an era when deaths from heart attacks and strokes have fallen sharply while the costs of cardiovascular care continue to soar.

The Framingham offspring, now middle-aged, are in many respects significantly healthier than their parents were when they entered the federally linanced study 44 years ago.

Blood pressure and cholesterol levels are considerably lower, and far fewer participants smoke cigarettes. But the men are heavier and less active, and both the men and the women have much higher rates of diabetes than their parents did at comparable ages.

In most ways, the children of Framingham mirror the trends in the United States as a whole, which suggests that falling cardiovascular death rates have sparked a false sense of optimism.

"Since the early 1970s, when the offspring study began, there has been nearly a 40 percent drop in the death rate from heart attacks and a 58 percent decline in the death rate from strokes in the United States," observed Dr. William Castelli, the director of the Framingham Heart Study. "But the rate at which people suffer heart attacks and strokes has not fallen to

a comparable degree."

He continued: "Most people who get heart attacks and strokes don't die. They live. This is how our country is going broke, paying for the bypass operations, angioplasties and truck-loads of medicines needed to keep people with cardiovascular diseases alive. Hospitalizations for coronary disease may have actually increased, not declined."

Dr. William B. Kannel, who has been monitoring changes among the Framingham off-spring, said, "So far, there is no evidence that the underlying prevalence of hypertension has changed in the Framingham population."

The main difference between the offspring and their parents is the rate of detection and drug treatment of high blood pressure, a major risk factor for both heart attacks and strokes, he said.

"Currently." Dr. Kannel noted, "20 percent of the 50-year-olds, 40 percent of the 60-year-olds and 50 percent of the 70-year-olds in Framingham are taking drugs to lower their blood pressure."

Nor are the Framingham offspring doing very well in controlling their weight, which increases their risk of hypertension and diabetes, another leading risk factor for heart disease. Dr. Kannel attributes this deleterious weight trend to inadequate exercise and increasing opportunities to dine on fattening foods.

But perhaps most distressing to the Framing-ham researchers is their finding that rates of adult-onset diabetes are soaring. Dr. Kannel noted that the prevalence of diabetes in Framingham had risen nearly threefold over the last three decades and was continuing to climb.

BOOKS

BERTOLT BRECHT: Journals, 1934-1955

Translated from German by Hugh Rorrison. Edited by John Willett. 556 pages. 39.95. Rout-

Reviewed by Richard Eder

B ERTOLT BRECHT was ostensibly a Marxist playwright, but that is a bit like saying that George Bernard Shaw was a vege-tarian playwright. Brecht, like Shaw, in fact, juggled ideas like flaming torches while trying, less successfully than Shaw, to keep his distance from the heat. In his theater the ideas are primarily characters: their role is far more dramatic than intellectual.

This profoundly contradictory man (thank goodness for the switchbacks because his straight-aways could be repellent) was a believer in dialectic, the pulsing of opposites, and more than a believ-It gave him energy, as love traditionally gave poets energy. No ge-nius, though, can inhabit another genius's scheme without breaking it, and Brecht quite thoroughly dis-arranged the Hegelian-Marxist theory of progress through contradic-tions. Thesis and antithesis were his WHAT THEY'RE READING

· Bernd Fischer, Berlin's chief of protocol, is reading "Aus einem di-plomatischen Wanderleben" by Friedrich Rosen.

"It is an old habit of mine to browse around searching for diplomatic memoirs. Through this book I have acquired quite a knowledge about the way the diplomatic life used to be in Berlin until the end of World War IL"

(Michael Kallenbach, IHT)



heartbeat, but he couldn't stomach

synthesis. This put him at cautiously simmering odds with his fellow Communists, at least from the mid-1930s, when Stalin decided it was synthesis time and began to shoot intellectuals by the thousands. "Cautiously" is the key. Brecht staved out of Moscow and when he returned from exile to East Germany after the war, it was in a complicated balance of convenience, acquiescence and disagreement. Allergic to synthesis, he could no more abide the anti-Stalinist than

the Stalinist variety. There are those who regarded him as an opportunist, with an all-

too-convenient ability to tempo-

rize. This may be partly true, but if so it is part of the contradictions. After Hitler came to power in 1933 Brecht left Germany and settled in Denmark with his wife, the actress Helen Weigel, and their two children, Stefan and Barbara. In 1939, after the fall of Czechoslovakia, they moved to Sweden: in 1940. after the invasion of Norway, to Finland; and in 1941, to California. After the Allied victory they

moved to Switzerland and then to East Germany, where he remained until his death in 1956. Translated by Hugh Rorrison, the journals Brecht kept irregularly between 1934 and 1955 are a new

South's team was due to win the

of his writing, edited and annotated by John Willett and, until his death, by Ralph Manheim. They are a re-cord of both human and artistic contradiction, a frozen surface punctuated by a volcanic rumbling that doesn't quite break through. As the exponent of distanced or non-Aristotelian drama — no pity, no terror and, above all, no purga-

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ed as the empathetic squashiness of the Stanislavskians. From Scandinavia he followed the course of the war, pasting photographs and news accounts into the journals. Hitler, he remarks, is simply a late-capitalist free-trader. The borders that goods cannot cross will be crossed by tanks which, in turn, are goods." There are glimpses of emotion, though Following accounts of the massive

tion, or you fall into sentimentality,

— he stood against what he regard-

Allied bombings he writes that "one can see no end to the war, just, the end of Germany." Assisted by the German exiles who were already there. Brecht settled with his family in the Hollywood area. He struggled to write film scripts, with not much success.

Fritz Lang gave him a job helping to write "Hangmen Also Die," but he hated the work. The client takes the brush and smears the picture so that nobody will ever know what it really looked like," he writes, adding that it was ruining his handwriting. He socialized with his fellow exiles but complained that their intellectual horizons had shrunk.

Deeper than all this was his sense that he and the other German artist-refugees who had played such a role in the political and aesthetic battles of the '20s and '30s had taken refuge from history in arr urban Tabiti, "I felt an exile from my era," he writes, and when Pearl Harbor is bombed he notes, "We are in the world again."

Entries from the last years in East Germany diminish and grow more distanced than ever.

slogan: "No drunken orgies on mountaineering tours," a reference to the need to mobilize to build communism. Then he reverses it: But mountaineering tours cause their own type of intoxication."

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Reflecting the new thinking, Dr. Van Roorda said in an interview: "When you have asthma, The myth that most children outgrow asthma emerged in part from articles published in med-By Lawrence K. Altman New York Times Service ical journals. Some studies reported that the you always have asthma. Asthma can act differ-

EW YORK - A new study on asthma adds to the evidence debunking a myth that children usually outgrow the common and sometimes fatal lung disease, which is an increasing public health problem in the United States and many other countries. The incidence of asthma and deaths from it have risen sharply in recent years, but the reasons are not known. For decades, doctors have told anxious par-

ents that their children's symptoms of wheezing, coughing chest tightness and difficulty in breathing were likely to disappear as the children grew older. Indeed, many children with the mildest

symptoms do outgrow asthma. But it is becoming clearer that those with moderate or severe acilima usually do not. "Outgrowing asthma is the exception to the rule," said Dr. Ruurd Van Roorda, an asthma

expert at De Weezenlanden Hospital in Zwolle. the Netherlands, and the senior author of the new study by Dutch and American researchers. Dr. Van Roorda's study found that breathing difficulties in about 75 percent of children with moderate to severe asthma persisted or recurred

by the time they reached their mid-20s. It also found that asthma persisted in 86 percent of women and 72 percent of men. affirming a sex difference noted in earlier studies. The reason for this difference is not known, although experts speculate that it results from anatomical differences - that women tend to have smaller airways than men.

ently in different people. There can be a long symptom-free period. Some very mild asthma-tics will not have any symptoms for decades. But even then you are never sure that it will not recur because many asthmatics relapse when they are much older."

A major puzzle is why deaths from asthma have increased in many countries during a period when experts say treatment has improved

Even as treatment improves, deaths are increasing.

significantly. In the United States, the number of deaths nearly doubled to 4,650 in 1992 from 2,598 in 1979. The increase has been chiefly among blacks.

Dr. Van Roorda said his team was astonished to learn that many patients who were not being monitored continued to use drugs many years after the initial prescriptions had been written. Some patients used drugs prescribed for other family members. And some doctors renewed asthma prescriptions without first checking pa-

tients' lung condition.

The study also found that one-third of the group smoked eigareties, despite the added risk that it may trigger asthma attacks. "It is a very stupid situation," Dr. Van

Roorda said.

prognosis for childhood asthma improved with puberty. Others suggested that two-thirds of children outgrow the disease. Yet a few studies said that up to 70 percent continue to have respiratory symptonis as young adults.

Experts now believe that the optimistic reports gave a false impression of asthma because they were incomplete, biased in the way patients were chosen for the studies and did not follow patients long enough to detect recurrences in the decades after adolescence.

"The second decade of life, between 10 and 20 years of age, is a relatively good period for most asthma patients," Dr. Van Roorda said. As children mature, their airways grow larger,

possibly easing the symptoms of asthma and creating the impression that the condition has disappeared, although the inflammatory problem remains. In many cases, the children have moved away from home and from the agents, such as cats or dogs, that triggered the asthma.

"Even when you have asthma symptoms, you can manage normal daily activities," he Roorda said. "So people may not realize that they have symptoms or become used to them. They find a way to cope with their disease and thus may think they have outgrown it although they haven't. When you ask, 'How are you doing?' many say, 'Fine.' But when you specifically ask, 'Do you suffer from breathlessness or wheezing or whatever?" then they say, 'Yes, I do.' But they do not realize that until the moment that you specifically ask them."

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott T IS generally unwise to lead a L singleton trump, since this may damage a partner who holds one or two trump honors. Exceptions occur when dummy is likely to take several ruffs, and West might have risen to the occasion on the diagramed deal.

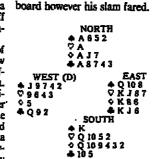
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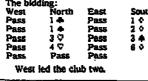
North's third-round jump to three hearts was a splinter, showing a strong hand with diamond support and heart shortage. This led to a six-diamond slam, which would have been defeated if West had led his singleton trump to cut down ruffs. West chose a club, and South

heart ruff, and threw his club loser on the spade ace. There followed a spade ruff, a heart ruff, a club ruff and a third beart ruff with the diamond ace.

South was left with Q-10-9-4 of trumps, and he ruffed a club low and made his slam. Note that ruffing high would have led to defeat. The low ruff was not such an obvious play as one might think after.
West had played the two and nine of clubs, since East had been asked about partnership leads against a slam and had explained that anything was possible, including low

As it turned out, a trump lead, defeating the slam, would not have helped East-West or hurt North-South. In the replay North-South won with dummy's ace and cashed the heart ace. He led to the spade king, returned to dummy with a contract failed by three tricks, so





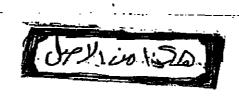
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Stocks Fall in Europe **Inflation Fears** Behind Plunge

LONDON - European stock markets ended lower on Wednesday after being dragged down by declining futures, profit-taking and a weaker opening on Wall Street caused by fears of a resurgence in

The European component of the International Herald Tribune World Stock Index fell 0.63 percent percent, to 114.75.

In London, shares plunged amid a selling spree on the futures market and dimming outlook for interest-rate cuts. At the close, the Financial Times Stock Exchange 100 index was down 29.3 points, at 3.379.2.

Upbeat reports about consumer spending during the Christmas period are convincing many investors that the British economy is on the way to recovery. That is also limiting optimism about a rate cut, which would be beneficial for the stock market.

French share prices closed lower on a technical correction after the market hit a record high on Mon-day. The CAC-40 blue-chip share index sank 24.79 points, to 2,249.55. on active Bourse volume of about 5.4 billion francs (\$915 million).

Dealers said the downward move also came amid speculation that French interest rates were unlikely to be cut soon. Even if the Bundesbank cuts rates at its council meeting on Thursday, Paris dealers said the newly independent Bank of France is likely to delay cutting its own rates to build up some credibility in financial markets.

German share prices also weakened as investors took profits in disappointment that the strong raily just before and just after the new year appeared to have run out of steam. By the session end, the DAX index was down 20.17 points at 2.233.41.

German shares continued to decline in after-bourse trading. Dealers said that a vague rumor that President Boris N. Yeltsin of Rus-

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Borden Sees Loss And Solicits Bids For Snack Unit

The Associated Press NEW YORK — Borden Inc. said Wednesday it would sell its

North American snack foods business as part of a corporate restructuring that will contribute to a \$650 million charge against fourth-quarter earnings. Borden said the divestment

program would permit the company to focus on core businesssuch as pasta, niche foods and domestic dairy products as well as its nonfood businesses.

The company said it expected a loss of \$590 million to \$600 million for 1993 but maintained earnings would improve steadily in 1994 after a marginally profitable first quarter. In 1992, t posted a net loss of \$439.6 million and in 1991 it recorded a profit of \$294.9 million. The company also said it

plans cost reductions over the next two years that will save up to \$125 million annually by the end of 1995. It plans to cut its annual dividend in half for 1994 to 30 cents a share.

The company's share turnbled to close down \$2.375, at \$15.875, on the New York Stock Exchange.

Anthony D'Amato resigned under pressure as its chief executive last month.

chairman on Dec. 9, said Wednesday the board had "evaluated the full range of alternatives for Borden, including sale or merger of the company.

"The goal of this program is to build shareholder value by focusing on and revitalizing our best businesses." he said. The businesses being put up for sale include its North Amer-

ican salty snacks, seafood, jams and jellies. They accounted to-gether for about \$1.25 billion in revenue last year, or nearly 20 percent of projected corporate sales of \$6.75 billion. The divestments are expected

to be completed by the end of the year. The snack foods units be sold together, individually or in combinations. Other businesses for sale, inchiding Doxsee seafood and Ba-

ma jams and jellies, accounted for \$500 million in sales last year. Among units to be re-tained, Borden said its pasta and niche products such as Cracker Jack and Real emon were fun-

Metallgesellschaft Seeks 3.2 Billion DM Bailout

FRANKFURT - Metalleesellschaft AG, whose finances were reported Wednesday to be in even worse shape than previously thought, said it was seeking to raise 3.2 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.84 billion) in fresh equity and credits

as part of a restructuring plan. The troubled German metals company said after a meeting with its creditor banks that the capitalraising plan was mét with a "positive" response. But the company would not say whether the banks would accept the plan.

"No agreement has been reached yet," said one banker who attended the meeting. Other bankers said they had until next Wednesday to declare their position on the proposed restructuring.

The new chairman of Metalige-sellschaft, Karl-Josef Neukirchen, also said Wednesday that the company would have to review its resuits for last year following the dis-missal last month of six of its board members, including the former chairman. Heinz Schimmelbusch.

Industry sources said that for the year ended Sept. 30, the company had a loss of 1.784 billion DM more than five times the previously reported loss of 347 million DM.

it announced last week. The measures should cover the group's

pany's U.S. unit, MG Corp., was 770 million DM for the year.

A Metallgesellschaft spokesman refused to comment on the reports. The company said its proposed restructuring package included:

• A stock offering to raise 1.4 billion DM through the sale of 5.6 million new shares at par value of 50 DM, priced at 250 DM each. The company would not say if the shares would be offered on a rights basis, although this is standard practice in Germany.

 The transformation of 1.3 billion DM of bank credits into "subordinated convertible participation capital," which would have the character of equity.

The granting by banks of 500 million DM in new credits to the parent company.

With this package of measures, the foreseeable liquidity require-

ments will be fully covered and there would be an adequate equity base," the company said. Metaligesellschaft said the capital measures, combined with previ-

ously announced plans to sell off

some of the conglomerate's subsidiaries, would bear fruit quickly. "The management board consid-

The sources also said debts at the group currently total 9.095 billion DM, greater than the 8 billion DM ment said. It said the package of

an adequate capital base.

Deutsche Bank AG has credit exposure to Metallgesellschaft of 539 million DM, Bayerische Landesbank has 380 million DM. Dresdner Bank AG has 198 million DM, Commerzbank AG has 201 million DM, Crédit Lyonnais of 240 million DM and Chase Manhattan of 149 million DM, the in-

dustry sources added. The sources said 60.2 percent of the company's new share issue will be taken up proportionately by Dresdner Bank, Deutsche Bank, Allianz AG, Daimler-Benz AG and the state of Knwait. The rest will be taken up by the remainder of Me-tallgesellschaft's creditors, the sources said.

Metallgeselischaft has been in crisis since it disclosed on Dec. 7 that it needed an emergency loan from its main creditor banks. Dresdner Bank AG and Deutsche Bank AG, to meet cash calls on oilfutures contracts-

On Dec. 17, Metallgesellschaft's supervisory board fired Mr. Schimmelbusch, accusing him of conducting the oil-futures trades without properly informing the board. Four other management-board members were asked to step down. Even without the oil trades, Metallgeselischaft was running up

losses on its activities. (AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters)

Amid Gloom, Germany Spots a Possible Glimmer

By Brandon Mitchener rnanonal Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT - Conflicting data on employment and orders to
German industry, released
Wednesday, cast doubt on the govtrends in major demand compoernment's claim that an economic nents still point downward," he said. recovery had arrived but left intact the hope that it was on its way.

Record unemployment in De- a bright spot. cember, a decline in orders to German manufacturing industry in November and downward revisions of two earlier reports suggest the German economy might have shrunk in the fourth quarter of 1993, after expanding at a 0.5 percent rate in the second and third onarters economists said

With the exception of exports,

Amid the gloom, however, many

economists professed to have seen The number of West Germans without jobs rose by 383,079 in Demillion, for an unemployment rate

ployment rate rose to 16.2 percent from 15.8 percent in November. In seasonally adjusted terms,

"The recession isn't over." said ment rose by just 5,000 in Decem- had fallen 2.1 percent in November ment figure for December was an Hans Jackel, an economist for ber, the smallest increase in and revised the previous month's DRI/McGraw-Hill in Frankfurt. months, after increases of 35,000 in data to show a deeper decline. November, 58,000 in October and

> Separately, the Economics Ministry reported a 0.8 percent decline

Denmark extended its string of interest-rate cuts. Page 11.

cember to a postwar record of 2.5 in orders to German manufacturers of 9.1 percent. East German unem- and seasonal factors, and revised October's figure to a 0.6 percent decline from a drop of 0.3 percent. On Tuesday, the Economics Ministry said industrial production

But this contradictory combination of a smaller-than-expected rise

in unemployment and larger-thanexpected decline in industrial orders and production amounts to a sure sign the economy is slowly

turning around, some analysts said. "The first signs of a recovery are always wishy-washy," Stefan Schneider, an economist at Nomuin November, adjusted for inflation ra Research Institute, said. "The trend is changing, but it takes some time before it shows up. I wouldn't write off the recovery completely." Although he said the seasonally

"amazingly good number," he pointed out that a single month's figures can seldom be trusted in

charting a trend.

The Bundesbank, which holds its first board meeting of the new year Thursday, is also taking a cautious line on the recovery. Hans-Jürgen Koebnick, a member of the board and president of the state central bank in Rhineland-Palatinate, said on German radio Wednesday that the economy would "come slowly into gear" in 1994.

He also said the Bundesbank would "certainly come down sig-Lombard rates this year.

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Job-Seekers Now Get On-Line

By Kathleen Murray

New York Times Service EW YORK - In a year. Tim Bruce will tose his job as a Navy pilot, a casualty of a shrinking U.S. military force, and his father. Joseph, is already trying to find him a new job.

Within an hour of hearing the news, in fact, the elder Mr. Bruce went to his computer, dialed up Compuserve - an on-line service he uses to communicate with other professionals - scanned his screen for job listings for aviators, then posted a notice asking for leads. Within three days, he had nearly 40 responses,

including some job possibilities and advice on how his son could log enough flying time to seek a job with the commercial airlines. There were ideas we wouldn't even have

thought of," Mr. Bruce, a software engineer in Santa Ana. California, said. He said he did not feel particularly adventurous in taking the job search to exberspace. But career counselors and recruiters say he is at the edge of what is likely to be the next employment frontier.

s now enabling people to find job opportunities they might otherwise miss. Some point our that, even in the United States, fewer than one-third of homes have personal com-

"PC power." the power of personal computers,

puters, and lewer still have modems, so most people remain computer-deprived. but regardless of its ultimate merits, electronic ob-hunting already has created a nice position for a number of people, such as James Gonvea, 46, who set up Help Wanted U.S.A. in March 1993.

Seven years ago, when others were dismissing computer networks as an esoteric enclave. Mr. Genyea, a psychologist and career counselor from Manchester. New Hampshire, decided to take ca-

reer services to the next level. Today, working under the electronic identity

CareerDoc," he heads the Career Center on America On-Line, whose 400,000 subscribers not only can look at sample résumés but also can post

their own and seek comments on them. In addition, they can peruse help-wanted ads, leave a question on a bulletin board for Mr. Gonyea or sign up for a private counseling session with him or one of his associates.

Mr. Gonyea said that computers had advantages over face-to-face counseling. "People are more comfortable because it's anonymous," he said. He once counseled a teacher who had been fired by a high school in Massachusetts after having

been accused of having sexual relations with a student. "It was easier for him to talk frankly about it," Mr. Gonyea said, "because I didn't see him, and he didn't see me."

After six private half-hour on-line sessions, the former teacher found a job as a librarian. Others, though, have not been as fortunate. Brian Quashnock, a sales representative with Dow

Jones & Co., said he knew of several people who had searched for jobs on-line but only one who had actually been hired. Employers also disagreed about the value of using computer listings. When the state Human Resources Department

in Kansas was looking for a workers' compensation judge, an ad in Help Wanted U.S.A. generated six responses. "For us, that's a lot," Janet Palmer, the personnel manager, said. "I'd do it again," But when Richard Lewis, a recruiter in Atlanta, went looking for a data-processor, he got no re-

sponses at all. Some career consultants say that informal networking may continue to be preferable to the more structured electronic job-searching services. Martin Yate, a career consultant, says that no matter how widespread electronic job-hunting becomes, it will always be only part of a successful

STAR TV Said to Replace Its Chairman, Again

By Kevin Murphy

HONG KONG - STAR TV. the Hong Kong-based satellite broadcaster controlled by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. has reportedly replaced its chief executive for the second time in six months.

intensifying competition in the personality clash and differences of fast-growing Asian television mar-ket, STAR TV's managing director. James Griffiths, is to be replaced. STAR TV, and Mr. Griffiths over

Amid in-house delays building a

nc Keview. The magazine named Gary Da-

British Sky Broadcasting Ltd. in London as Mr. Griffith's replacement after five months in the job.

The switch has been attributed ubscription television service and by sources close to BSkyB to a opinion between its chief executive. Sam Chisholm, who supervises

according a report to be published how to expand in difficult markets
Thursday in the Far Eastern Ecolike China and India.
for five years and was its president for pay television and international since its start-up by the Hong Kong

Mr. Chisholm, a New Zealander who has been described as a "mirvey, currently the No. 2 executive at acle worker by Mr. Murdoch, helped turn around unprofitable

Hong Kong.

The change comes at a when critics say STAR TV, in BSkyB's fortunes through cost-cut- which Mr. Murdoch bought a 65.4 ting and tough negotiations with U.S. program suppliers. He is known to hold Hollywood in low mentum. percent stake for \$525 million in

Still the international broadcast-Mr. Griffith, an American, er with the widest reach in Asia, Century Fox entertainment group 38 countries, STAR TV has none-

conglomerate Hutchison Wham poa Ltd. and the family of its chairman. Li Ka-shing.

There has been a debate in Asia about the need to protect native customs and values from invasion via satellite. The controversy provided some defensive local broadcasters a rationale for protecting worked with News Corp.'s 20th beaming five 24-hour channels into their commercial interests in the

Cold Snap in U.S. Lifts Oil Prices

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Crude oil soared above \$15 a barrel on Wednesday for the first time in almost a month as a cold snap in the United States and a series of refinery shutdowns sent heating oil

up almost 2 cents a gallon. The market was further boosted by expectations that OPEC may bring forward a ministerial conference scheduled for the end of March to the beginning of Febru-ary and leave its six-month oil output ceiling unchanged, according to OPEC delegation sources.

In addition, Oman's oil minister predicted Wednesday that independent oil producers would cooperate with Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries members to stabilize and boost oil

prices. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

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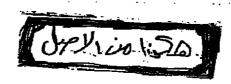
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STOCKS: European Weakness

Continued from Page 9 sia would resign — later denied by an adviser to Mr. Yeltsin — had

added to the cautious mood. Italian stocks also closed lower. Political battles over the date of the next elections and fears interest Dow Hits a Record rate cuts are not coming soon spurred investors to take some in U.S. bond prices Wednesday. profits ahead of the long holiday surging to a record high led by oil

weekend, traders said. "People are beginning to worry about the domestic political situation again," said a trader at BNL

N.Y. Stocks

Eurosecurities. With the market closed for a holiday Thursday, many investors with profits to book from last week's strong rises cashed in, traders said.

The MIB all-share index fell 14 points, to 994, after falling 6 points Tuesday. Among the biggest losers across

Europe were several major pharmaceutical companies, whose share ahead, helped by hefty gains in prices dropped after an Italian government decision to stop reimbursing consumers for their purchases

Italy's largest quoted drug company. the government enacted the plan.

SmithKline shares fell 13 pence was up is to 80%. to 355 because the Italian government said it would no longer reimburse patients for three of its top-selling drugs: the antibiotic may position Martin Wygod to be-Augmentin, the anti-arthritis drug come chairman. Mr. Wygod was Reiafex, and Seroxat, an antidethe founder of Medeo Contain-

Sandoz, whose \$135-million a

Paper, Merck, United Technologies and Alcoa.
Oil stocks rose as the price of of several major medical products.

Britain's SmithKline Beecham crude for February delivery advanced to \$15.37 a barrel. Royal

Dutch Petroleum Co. shares added Recordant SpA were among the 2½ to 106½, Chevron Corp. was up companies whose shares fell after 1 to 90½, British Petroleum PLC gained 1 to 64% and Mobil Corp.

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uct Miacalci in Italy could be threatened, saw its "B" shares drop

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(Knight-Ridder, Reuters, Bloomberg)

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Nevertheless, the Dow surged

The 30-year Treasury bond was

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BENTSEN: Dollar Bounces Back

under the General Agreement on

Tariffs and Trade. With those trade battles won, the

administration can now focus on expanding trade with Japan and the rest of Asia, he said.

"The Asian-Pacific region is the fastest-growing economic region in

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the world and we must be a part of it," Mr. Bentsen said.

with Japan was \$6.1 billion. Analysts said the reason the dollar bounced back after Mr. Bentsen's talk was that currency traders had decided to focus on the depth benefiting from optimism about of the Japanese recession as a rea-

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treasury economist at Midland Global Markets in London. "Deep

down, the U.S. knows that." As long as the Japanese government fails to take more fiscal measure to stimulate the economy. "they'll have to accept a weaker currency," said Neil MacKinnon, chief economist at Citibank in Lon-

In addition to depressed economic conditions in Japan, the yen is suffering from expectations that interest rates on Japanese invest-In October, the government's ments will go even lower. Japan's discount rate, the central bank's rate on loans to commercial banks. is already at a historic low of 1.75

> percent. The dollar, on the other hand, is

cy has since given up a little more than half of that gain.

Against other currencies, the dollar was lower at 1.4797 Swiss The Japanese economy is in a to 5.9055 French francs from



Taiwan Stocks Soar 5.7%

Wednesday in its biggest bull run for years, but the central bank has begun restricting foreign investment to curb the strength of the

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by foreign institutions since late last month. The inflow of cash has been pushing up Taiwan currency against the U.S. dollar.

This has left an overhang of funds waiting to enter and disappointed managers who fear they may not be able to take full advantage of

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VW's New 'Concept Car': A Beetle?

DETROIT (Bloomberg) — Volkswagen AG, harking back to the glory days of a quarter-century ago, unveiled an experimental car Wednesday that greatly resembles its Beetle, the best-selling car of all time.

The introduction of the concept car, as such speculative vehicles are called, at the North American International Auto Show coincides with Volkswagen's push to rebuild its U.S. sales.

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Ford Motor Co. 5 chairman, Alex 1 rounan, said that the automaker expects company profit to improve in 1994 and that executive bonuses will likely be paid based on 1993 results.
 General Motors Corp. said its Saturn division posted a "submantial" operating profit in 1993, after running in the red for two and a half years.

It expects to make an even bigger profit in 1994. Trump Set to Buy Aladdin Hotel

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Donald Trump, the real-estate developer, is on the verge of buying the troubled Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas, Dennis Gomes, head of Mr. Trump's Taj Mahal casino hotel in Atlantic City,

New Jersey, said Wednesday.

"We can expect some type of announcement next week relative to "We can expect some type of announcement next week relative to this," Mr. Gomes said. "That's how close we are to something." Mr. this," Mr. Gomes said. "That's how close we are to something." Mr. Trump is believed to have an oral agreement with the hotel's mortgage holder to buy it for \$65 million. Bell Atlantic-Tricon Leasing Corp., the mortgage holder, refused to confirm the deal.

Kmart to Book \$1.3 Billion Charge

TROY, Michigan (Combined Dispatches) - Kmart Corp. said Wednesday that earnings for the fourth quarter and all of 1993 would be less than expected and that it will take a pretax charge of \$1.3 billion to

finance restricturing.

The retailer also said it had increased to 300 the number of stores it will close and relocate, up from a previous figure of 300. Following the announcement, Standard & Poor's Corp. pat Kmart on its CreditWatch list of issuers whose ratings may change, with negative implications. The move concerns about \$3.7 billion of debt.

(AFP, UPI)

U.S. Factory Orders Post Strong Gain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of aircraft, autos, computers and metalworking machinery pushed U.S. factory orders up by 1.4 percent in November, the fourth increase in a row and the biggest since June, the government said Wednesday.

The advance, to a record seasonally-adjusted annual total of \$262 billion, followed gains of 1.2 percent in October and 0.7 percent in September.

Amdahl and Fujitsu to Cooperate

SUNNYVALE, California (Bloomberg) — Amdahl Corp. said its partner, Fujitsu Ltd., would belp it develop mainframe computers in a bid to trim costs. Amdahl said the accord with Fujitsu, which owns 44 percent of its equity, could spur sales to some Fujitsu customers. It did not say how much the companies planned to invest in the next generation of computers.

U.S. Orders Donnelley Divestiture

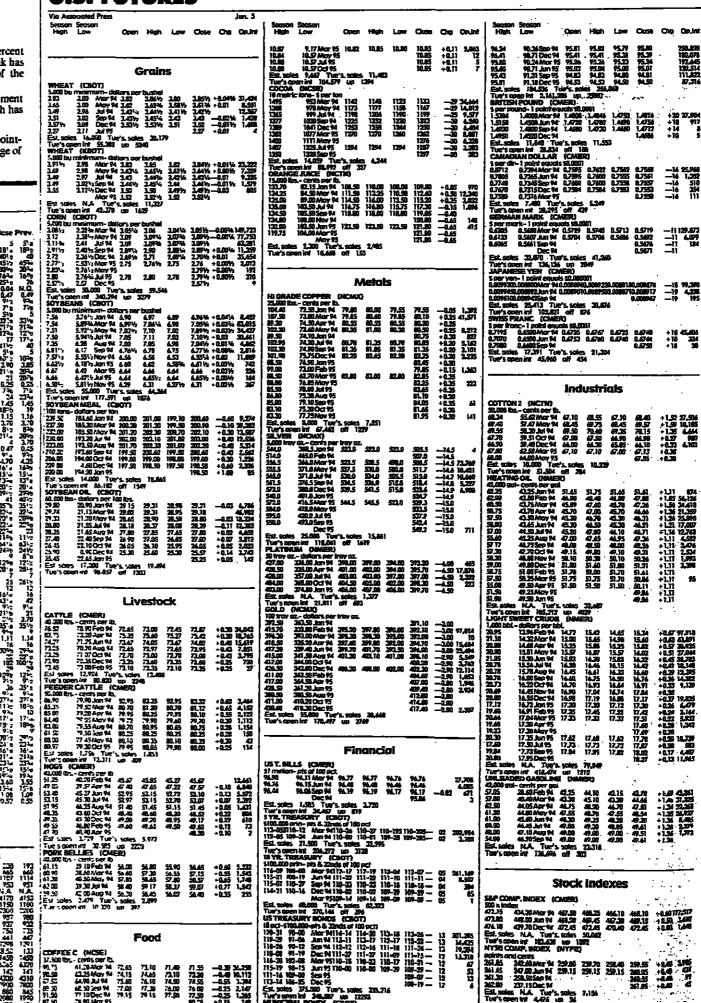
NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — The Federal Trade Commission ordered R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co. to divest a printing company it acquired because the transaction "substantially lessens" competition in a specialty printing market. A new buyer of Meredith/Burda Co. must be approved by the commission. Donnelley, which bought Meredith/Burda in September for \$536.5 million, said it would appeal.

For the Record

TLC Beatrice International Holdings Inc. said Loida Nicolas Lewis, the widow of the company's founder, would become chairman on Feb. 1. The company has started a search for a new chief executive who will have responsibility for all of its units worldwide. (Reuters)

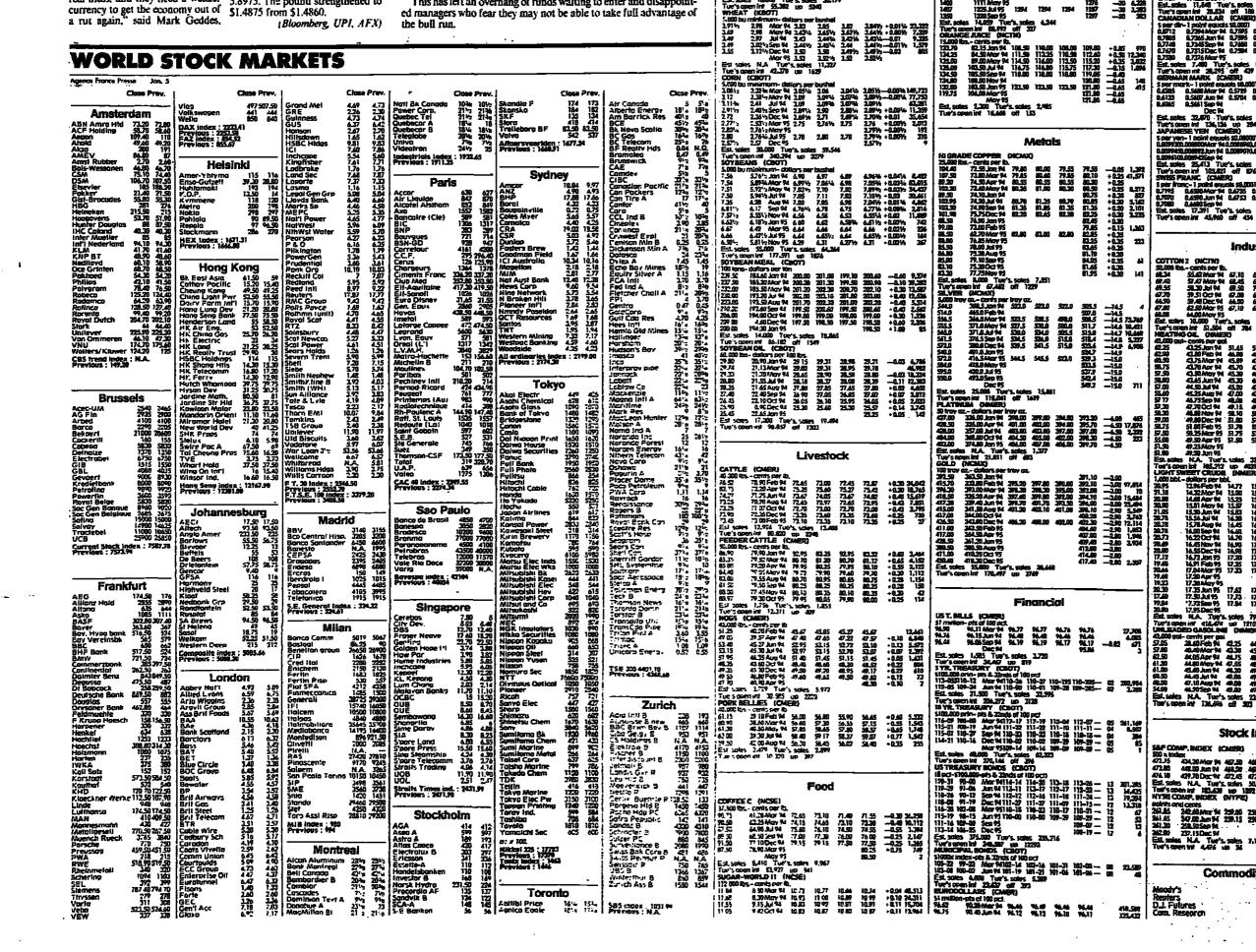
Trans World Airlines Inc. replaced William Howard, its chairman who was appointed only seven months ago, with Donald F. Craib Jr., a TWA director and former chairman of Allstate Insurance Group. (NYT)

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son for selling the yen once it had that the Federal Reserve will raise official U.S. interest rates this year. In the short term, the key report TAIPEI - Taiwan's leading stock market index rose 5.7 percent couraged a stronger yen as a means of the week for the dollar will be the of curbing Japan's trade surplus. December U.S. employment report

Fund managers said the bank has slowed approvals for investment



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Court to Make **GM-VW Ruling** In February

next month on whether Volkswagen lure away as many as 28 GM man-AG improperly posched managers agers, but ultimately succeeded in from General Motors Corp.

The Frankfurt state court adjourned its hearing on GM's bid to VW, described the seven as execuban seven of its former managers tives who, having found themselves from working at VW after just three excluded from meetings and generhours and said it would reconvene on Feb. 2 to hand down its ruling. followed their former boss to VW.

General Motors and its German subsidiary, Adam Opel AG, have not systematic." Mr. Kicker said. claimed that VW systematically lured away seven GM executives theft of sensitive GM documents just after José Ignacio López de and hiring of the GM workers Arriortúa, VW's controversial pro- amounted to a campaign to steal

criminal allegations of industrial es- ment ban for the seven that would pionage against Mr. López and VW. be effective as of their move to VW The charges are being investigated in March 1993, by U.S. and German officials.

the start of full court proceedings Mr. Lopez would be able to slash on GM's poaching claim. A tempo- costs, particularly by squeezing lowrary injunction aimed at preventing er prices from component suppliers. the seven so-called "Lopez war-riors" from staying at VW was re-guilt. VW said it would not contest jected on a technicality last month. the portion of the Opel's suit that Heinz Wetterkamp, Opel's attor-junction banning VW from trying to ney, argued that VW's move to hire hire away other key GM workers.

the seven GM managers must be FRANKFURT — A Frankfurt seen in the context of a "massive judge said Wednesday he would rule campaign" in which VW tried to getting only seven.

But Jürgen Kicker, a lawyer for ally isolated after Mr. Lopez's exit, "This may have been unusual, but Mr. Wetterkamp said the alleged

duction chief, left GM to join the corporate purchasing know-how German company last March. corporate purchasing know-how from GM. He said Opel and GM Opel is also separately pursuing were asking for a two-year employ-

VW. suffering losses in Europe's Wednesday's hearing marked depressed car market, had hoped

At the hearing held Wednesday, seeks confirmation of an earlier in-

Liberty at Bank of France But Little Change in Policy Is Seen

PARIS - The Bank of France joined the ranks of independent central banks Wednesday, when the government, concluding a process begun nine months ago, appointed the six outsiders who com-

plete the bank's new monetary policy council.

The view among analysts in Paris was that there were no surprises. Christopher Potts at Banque Indosuez said the appointees were uncontroversial and Charles Wyplosz at the Insead business school said "they are all middle-of-the road. It's unlikely to be a committee with teeth."

The franc did rise on the foreign exchange market, but dealers attributed this to across-the-board weakness of the mark rather than a reaction to the official change in status of the central bank.

"The clear message," said Mr. Potts, is the new independent status of the central bank "is unlikely

to lead to a new direction in monetary policy. The creation of the monetary policy council was delayed by four days until President François Mitterand, a Socialist, ensured a key role for one of his followers, the former finance minister Michel Sapin, who had strongly backed France's strongfranc policy, known as franc fort. In addition to Mr. Sapin and Jean-Claude Trichet, who was named governor of the central bank late last year, and his two deputy governors. Denis Ferman and

Herve Hannoun, the council comprises: Michel Albert, head of Assurances Generales de France; Jean Boissonnat, an economic journalist; Denise Flouzat, a university economics professor. Jean-Pierre Gérard, a businessman who currently heads the national standards testing laboratory; and Bruno de Maulde, chairman of a securities market supervisory body.

The council's mandate is to define and implement monetary policy independent of government interference. The panel is scheduled to hold its first meeting next week and publish 1994 monetary policy goals at the end of the month.

But like the Bundesbank or the Federal Reserve Board the Bank of France has no official say in establishing the exchange rate, which remains the preserve of the government.

Economics Minister Edmond Alphandery said the French central bank's independence was "at least equal to that of the Bundesbank."

Theoretically, the separation of responsibilities could lead to a clash were the council to decide that the slow growth of monetary aggregates required much lower interest rates - a move that could destabilize the franc.

In the view of Mr. Potts, such a clash is unlikely. He noted that German interest rates are declining and therefore permit a reduction in French rates without affecting the mark/franc exchange rate. In addition, the permitted 15 percent fluctuation against the mark - widened from 2.25 percent after August's currency crisis — gives France plenty of room to cut interest rates without calling into question the central rate of the franc versus the mark.

But even this room for maneuver is unlikely to be used, said Mr. Potts. "A cut in interest rates of a quarter or half a percentage point faster than Germany is not going to change the economic outlook in France," he said.

Didier Maillard of Banque Paribas concurred with the view that the central bank and the government are not likely to get into a conflict soon. But this means "it's not a period where it will be easy for the bank to prove its independence,"

"Independence is more easily proven when there are inflationary pressures that governments are re-luctant to fight," he said, adding that such a test is easily 12 to 18 months away.

Denmark **Extends Rate Cuts**

COPENHAGEN - The Danish central bank, encouraged by improving economic prospects, announced on Wednesday its ninth discount rate cut in five months, bringing the key rate down 0.25 percentage point, to 6 percent.

"The background to the rate cut is the strength of the krone and the currency inflow," said Kirsten Mordhorst, a bank spokeswoman.

The krone has firmed gradually since the virtual suspension of the European Monetary System's ex-change-rate mechanism in August. At the time of the currency crisis, a Deutsche mark was worth more than 4.15 kroner, but on Wednesday it fetched just 3.8835 krouer.

It has strengthened partly as a result of the rate cuts, which analysts said would help Denmark outperform most European countries in gross domestic product growth.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has forecast Danish GDP growth of 2.5 percent in 1994. Inflation is below 2 percent and state finances are

The rate cut was expected and could be followed by another, analysts said Ivan Hansen, vice director of Jyske Bank, said he believed the Bundesbank would cut rates on Thursday, allowing Denmark to make a 0.25-point cut next week.

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The new Cadillac, which will go

on sale in 1996, expands the label's

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but young buyers who favor BMW's 3-Series and Mercedes-

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Very briefly:

Trenhandanstalt, the agency in charge of selling state assets in the former East Germany, is expected to agree next week to sell the steel-maker Eko Stahl AG to Riva Prodotti Siderurgici SpA of Italy.

• Rolls-Royce PLC, the British maker of jet engines, and Howmet Corp., a U.S.-based unit of Pechiney SA of France, announced a joint venture to refurbish airplane-engine components.

 Elf Aquitaine and Union des Assurances de Paris will be privatized "in the next few weeks," Finance Minister Edmond Alphandery said.

 Germany's cartel office said the steelmaker Fried. Krapp AG Hoeseb-Krupp must sell its shock-absorber unit, Krupp Brünninghaus GuibH, as it agreed in 1992 to do by the end of 1993.

• Ferrazzi Group bought the 49 percent of the Rome television station steeming that it did not already own. The price was not disclosed.

• British Steel PLC said 330 workers would lose their jobs by April as it closes its Bromford Works, a plant near Birmingham that makes large steel tubes for power generators and processing plants.

No '94 Profit for Aerospatiale

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ospatiale on Wednesday forecast 'significant improvement" in the company's 1993 results but indicated it would not show a profit for

last year or 1994. The state-owned company had a loss of 2.38 billion French francs (\$402.7 million) in 1992, when sales

were 21.8 billion francs. Louis Gallois, chairman and of which GM owns 50 percent. Its chief executive of Aerospatiale, Euautomatic transmission was de-rope's biggest aerospace and de-

the industry's current cycle but did PARIS - The chairman of Aer- not forecast a profit for 1994. He predicted the company would break even by 1995.

> He said the concern had "held and consolidated its market share everywhere" despite "one of the worst economic backdrops Aerospatiale has ever known.

> He said new orders had fullen in 1993 to 29 billion francs from 39 billion francs, putting total orders at 130 billion france, or about two and one-half years of activity.

ASHES: Chrysler Makes Those Dirty Little Trays an Option in 2 New Cars

Continued from Page 1

equalizers and space for their compact disks, there simply was not enough real estate. Indeed, attempting to satisfy the

uses and pleasures that Americans expect in their autos - from with coffee to music to romancing - is an intricate affair. Designers must make hundred of trade-offs. The needs of passengers have been met with everything from

heaters that popped up in the form of hot-water bottles at the turn of the century to radios in 1929; airconditioning in 1938; ignition keys in 1949; record players in 1956; and trip computers and CB radios in the 1970s. A car called the Pan in 1921 offered seats that converted

For Chrysler's designers, abandoning the ashtray was a pretty easy call. Only 16 percent to 17 percent of car buyers now smoke, according to research. But it could

turn out to be a pretty bitter 17

"What's the name of this model just so I don't accidentally buy one?" asked Walker Merryman, vice president of The Tobacco In-

Mr. Merryman said he was not comforted by the fact that smokers could have their dealers install ashtrays and lighters for free. "The whole idea would be a turnoff to the smoker, because what you're saying is, 'You're not as welcome a

He also said he had given up using cup holders because they caused his drinks to spill.

The sedans, which will go on sale this fall, represent Chrysler's attempt to break into a market dominated by Japanese cars. Hoping to lure the young and affluent, the designers decided a smokeless car would appeal to them.

The sedans are to be \$2,000 to \$3,000 below comparable vehicles, which means they would probably cost less than \$15,000.

But having decided to let go of the ashtray, the design team had some difficulty convincing its supe-riors to go along. "It's a big compa-ny and there are standard ways of doing things," he said. "All cars have ash receivers."

Indeed, some Chrysler executives seemed a bit defensive about the decision, and the lack of an ashtray was not mentioned during the elaborate introduction of the cars at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. Chrysler executives said they

would wait to see how this was received before deciding whether to drop ashtrays from other car and truck lines. Others sought to put the best face on it. "It's our step to help the

the hold of the Japanese was price. health of Americans," said Arthur C. Liebler, Chrysler's vice president for marketing and communi-cations. As he finished laughing, Mr. Liebler added: "Don't tell R.J. Reynolds I said that."

> Anti-smoking groups were delighted by Chrysler's decision. "We applaud it," said Sharon Jaycox, the director of prevention and school health for the American

> ■ Honda's New U.S. Model Honda announced Wednesday

that it would design and manufacture a new Acura model in Ohio, produced in the United States, The Associated Press reported from

which will be introduced for the erations in the late 1980s. 1996 model year and sell in the range of \$23,000-\$30,000.

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GM Unveils Small Cadillac Designed in Europe, U.S. port it to the United States. Executives said production might be

favorable.

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. is showing off its first major joint North American-European car project, a sporty, small Cadillac to be built in Germany that is to compete with German and Japanese en-

try-level luxury cars. Chief Executive Officer John F. Smith Jr. said cash-strapped GM saved investment costs in developing the Luxury Sedan Euro-style Cadillac by tapping the talent pool of GM's global operations.

"Our design, engineering and the first Japanese luxury car to be manufacturing bases are more diverse and spread across more regions than most of our competi-tors," said Mr. Smith, who led the Honda has yet to name the car. turnaround in GM's European op-GM said it would make the new

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stronger yen, to help trim Japan's huge trade

Many economists expect the dollar to contin-ue rising until it reaches 115 to 120 yea, but there is considerable difference of opinion as to

The current trade framework talks between

the United States and Japan are not making

much progress. If that is still the case as the

what will happen after that.

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YEN: Dollar's Recovery Brightens the Outlook for Japanese Companies

Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa
— set for Feb. 11 — draws near, the yea could
be bid up again on speculation that the United
States will again resort to using a strong yea as a surplus. But recent monthly figures suggest that Japan's trade surplus with the world — though not yet with the United States — is starting to trade weapon.

But Geoffrey Barker, economist at Baring Securities in Tokyo, disagreed, arguing that the dollar has begun a sustained climb that will last two to three years and bring it above 130 year.

As the dollar sank last year, Japan's exportdependent companies saw their revenues and profits drop sharply as Japanese products became less competitive abroad.

Most Japanese exporters were presumed to be running losses on their exports with the exchange rate at 105 or 110 year to the dollar, but many have said they could break even at 115 or 120.

If the dollar rises as far as 115 yen, "the

majority of Japanese industry would be quite happy with that," Toru Kusukawa, chairman of the Fuji Research Institute, said last month. Not everyone would be happy, however. Susumu Yamaji, the chairman of Japan Air Lines, said the dollar would have to rise above 120 year before JAL could compete with American car-

meeting between President Bill Clinton and

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Japan Car Firms Report 3d Year Of Falling Sales

TOKYO - Domestic sales by Japanese carmakers fell for the third year in a row in 1993 as the economic slump deepened, an industry association said Wednesday.

Sales of registered vehicles turnbled 8.4 percent, to 4,887,179 units, the lowest level since 1987, the Japan Automobile Dealers Association said. The association said it was the first time since World War II that sales of cars, trucks and buses in Japan had fallen for three years. Sales of imported vehicles grew

9.1 percent, to 201,484 anits, the

Businesses Urge Tax Cut by Tokyo

Agence France-Presse TOKYO - Business leaders urged the government Wednesday to cut income taxes as soon as pos-

sible to revive the economy. Gaishi Hiraiwa, chairman of the Federation of Economic Organizations, or Keidanren, called on Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa to act first and worry about

the drop in revenue later.
"Income tax cuts should come first," he said. "The source can be secured through an increase in the consumption tax in the future."

Mr. Hiraiwa and Takeshi Nagano, chairman of the Japan Federation of Employers' Associations, or Nikkeiren, said the government should consider issuing bonds to cover the shortfall - a course opposed by the Finance Ministry.

how far the recession has spread." said Yoshio Kondo, an association

In December alone, sales were down 11.1 percent, to 345,715 units. It was the moth consecutive month in which sales were lower on a year-to-year basis.

Sales will probably continue falling in the first quarter, said Jona-than Dobson, an auto-industry analyst at Jardine Fleming Securities, although he forecast a small rise in

"The first half of the year should be fairly severe," Mr. Kondo of the industry association said. "However, if we see some positive influences, sales could slowly pick up." Analysts cited a possible in-

come-tax cut, low loan rates and price-cutting by car dealers as incentives to consumers. Mr. Kondo also said the government was considering eliminating a special consumption tax on new cars, which would bring the tax rate

down to 3 percent from 4.5 percent, Japan's top automakers all posted lower sales in 1993. At Toyota Motor Corp., the largest, sales fell 7.7 percent, to 2,058,000 vehicles. Nissan Motor Co., the second-largest, saw an 8.4 percent drop, to 1,098,000.

■ Store Chain to Cut Staff

Mitsukoshi Ltd., which runs Japan's most prestigious departmentstore chain, said it planned to cut its staff by 10 percent by 1997. The Associated Press reported.

A company spokesman said the cuts would be made by attrition and reduced hiring.

China State Firms to Sink or Swim New Corporate Law Will Jolt Pampered Industries

HONG KONG — Thousands of state en-terprises in China will have to run themselves like real companies or face ruin starting this year, the result of the first Chinese law on

corporate governance and accounting. The broad set of initiatives, endorsed by China's parliament Dec. 30 and effective July 1, will force the management of coddled state enterprises to set up independent boards of directors and be more directly responsible for

their companies' performances.

It will also force Chinese companies to bring their accounting and corporate disclosure practices closer to international standards.

practices closer to international standards.

"The law says get out there and survive on your own, baby," William Overholt, managing director at Bankers Trust in Hong Kong, said. "This will be great for the well run enterprises and death for the bad ones." Almost a third of China's factories are losing money, while most are dependent on the government's support.

Another big step is that the Communist Party will be removed form the boardroom. Each company's directors, rather than bu-reaucrats, will appoint management. Since 1949, the government has been pull-

BELJING - China, through its

official press, has raised the pos-

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An article in the Economic In-

formation Daily even discussed

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mount leader, Deng Xiaoping, 89, during a period of such radi-

It said that if any problems occurred in the transfer of power

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party credentials than management skills. The law reverses that, In the future, government officials will not be able to join a compa-

ny's directors or management without resigning their official posts. That takes some of the temptation for corruption out of the system. "Under this new law, the government won't be able to freely interfere in enterprises, it will

only be entitled to a share of the company's profits depending on the value of its investment," said Li Yining, one of the law's drafters. "This will help enterprises become completely responsible for their profits and losses." Beijing already announced that it would turn 100 large state enterprises into limitedliability companies, which means they would

perform. Eventually, 11,000 state enterprises will be forced to sink or swim. The blueprint called for a limited self-off of small state companies to the private sector and the creation of a single corporate income tax to ease state-sector burdens, effective Jan. 1.

be allowed to go bankrupt if they do not

The law on corporate governance does not directly deal with issue of selling state assets to private investors, a big hundle that lies

China's Press Expresses Fear of Economic Instability

younger leaders, the consequences would be disastrous. to protect political stability and social order, the official Xinhua

The article said China's re-

forms, the deepest experiment yet

in abandoning socialist economics and moving toward the market, would lead to "a redistribu-

"If an enterprise can't pay its

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money to pay salaries, this is a

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Police officials from through-

out the country, meeting in Beijing, vowed to use all their power

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ing the strings behind the scenes, often advancing factory managers who had better and a more market-driven economy.

However, by making management more independent and accountable, the law sets the stage for private investment in state companies on the stock markets or directly, Westem diplomats said.

"The corporate law doesn't stipulate that the government should hold a controlling stake in state firms, but in practice the state will only control stocks in backbone enterprises," Mr. Li said.

The law also stipulates that all shares can be transferred. Now the state holds a lot of shares, but if it thinks fit, it can transfer

them," he added. Losses by state companies in the year to November swelled 20 percent over the year earlier, reaching 29.2 billion yuan (\$5 billion). That is more than the budget deficit of 20 billion yuan Beijing has projected for this

"In principle what this does is lay out the rules of the game," said Mr. Overholt. "Even if the rules are bad, at least people will know where they stand when they invest in a Chinese company. That's going to boost investor confidence."

pushing forward the reform drive." Mr. Li said.

Far more serious is the ques-

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An article by Lu Jianhua of the Academy of Social Sciences in the China Youth Daily dared to raise the question of whether the

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Very briefly:

 South Korean engineers on a government-sponsored project said they
developed the first notebook computer capable of running software for
Macintosh and IBM-compatible computers. The Dual O/S Notebook PC
has an Intel 486 processing chip for IBM programs and a Metorola 68030 for Macintosh software. Some analysts were skeptical about the innovation, saying a dual system would add to the weight and cost of the unit. · Sanyo Electric Co. said it planned to team up with 3DO Co. of the United States to enter the home multimedia market with a machine that runs software stored on compact disks using a code developed by 3DO.

• Chinese Petroleum Corp., a company run by the government of Taiwan, plans to send an eight-member group to survey oil resources and refineries in China. Thailand's Ministry of Finance will soon recommend that withholdings tax on interest earned from bank deposits be reduced to 5 percent from 15

percent, an official said. Cambodia's state-owned railway weathered occasional attacks by Khmer Rouge guerrillas to post a profit of more than 2.4 billion riels (\$1

million) in 1993.

 Indonesia will launch a prototype of the N-250, its first aircraft, in Reuter, AP, AFP, Bloomberg

Korean Firms to Raise R&D Spending

SEOUL -- South Korea's major electronics companies said Wednesday they planned signifi-cant increases in research and de-

velopment spending this year. Figures supplied by the country's top four electronics compa-nies — Samsung Electronics Co.,

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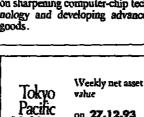
Daewoo Electronics Co. and Hyundai Electronics Industries Co. - showed projected spending on research and development rising 38.1 percent, to 1.56 trillion won (\$1.93 billion), in 1994 from 1.13 trillion won last year.

As a proportion of expected sales,

Kong (Holdings) Ltd., the main vehicle for the businessman Li Ka-

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Goldstar Electric Machinery Co., the planned spending ranges from 6 percent, at Samsung, the largest South Korean company in the industry, to 15.2 percent, at Hyundai. Spokesmen at the companies said most of the spending would be on sharpening computer-chip techand developing advanced



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Daily Telegraph said.

"The meeting felt that with

more reform measures coming out this year than in the last de-

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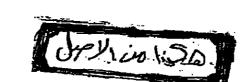
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SPORTS

Giants Hoping Not to Face the Real McMahon

wouldn't have backed down, anyway."

football intelligence and fire.

By Frank Litsky

New York Times Service EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey -David Tate of the New York Giants was

asked about Jim McMahon. "Which Jim McMahon?" he said. "The

offbeat one who likes everyone to think he is old and beaten up and has no arm? Or the one who is smart and tough and wins games?'

The Giants will get the real Jim McMahon, the dangerous Jim McMahon, on Sunday when they play the Minnesota Vikings in a National Football League wild-card playoff game at Giants Stadium.

McMahon, 34, is the Vikings' quarterback, a free spirit playing his 12th NFL season. Tate is the Giants' nickel back. In 1988, he and McMahon were both Chicago Bears.

"He was such a great competitor, then and now," Tate said, "He's dangerous because he's so wild. He throws some passes you don't expect. If he's healthy, he will make things happen and do things to inspire his

And astound his team. The Bears' coach then was Mike Ditka, who was brusque and crusty and not exactly receptive to dissent.

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sociation on Wednesday and its football team was barred

from television and bowl ap-

The NCAA found that play-

ers were paid for work that

was not actually performed.

that prospective student-ath-

letes improperly were given fi-nancial aid, that athletes re-

ceived improper extra benefits

and that the school showed a

"lack of institutional control"

in its athletics program, which had been involved in an in-

"While the university ad-

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"What is even more unfor-

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tions was a prominent member

of the university's athletics

support group," the panel added.

A&M officials met with the

NCAA on Nov. 14 and pro-

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COLLEGE STATION. Texas - Texas A&M's athletics program was placed on five

The Playoffs

Tate remembered how McMahon dealt with that.

Ditks said. 'Why did you do that?' McMahon dealt with hon said: 'The kid wasn't playing worth hon said: 'The kid wasn't playing worth anything anyway. You might as well keep third down and short, and black sent in a run. McMahon didn't like it. He audibled to a lade base and when Ditks again that the rest and when Ditks again the rest and when Ditks again the rest and when Ditks again the rest and when Ditks again. There wide receivers, a good running back as the rest and when Ditks again the rest and when the a fade pass, and when Ditka saw that he tried furiously to call time out. Ron Morris ran down the sideline and caught the ball for a touchdown. Ditka blew his top, but McMa-hon didn't care. He always called audibles.

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"McMahon helped us realize this was a players' game. Coaches can prepare you, but players play the game. He felt he was the quarterback and had to win the game."

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And run the game.
"We had a rookie tackle that year," Tate recalled. "He missed his block and Jim got sacked. They sent in the same play again and Jim got sacked again. So he turned to the rookie and told him to get out of the game.
"Ditka didn't see him do that, but now Ditka sees the rookie tackle on the sideline. He said to the kid. 'What are you doing

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quarterback who can be just as good as Trov McMahon has always been different. Tate remembered a Bears' minicamp where McMahon showed up wearing sunglasses and So can the Vikings' defense, which ranks

your pass routes have to be a little quicker. You have to get the tight ends involved more "He is a playoff quarterback." Tate said. "Under pressure, you know he is going to do
it. We felt if we gave Jim the ball, something back there."

would happen. That's why teams try to knock him out of the game. He'll limp out anyway.

The Giants would rather run usan possible for the game. He'll limp out anyway.

"Sure," Oates said. "But that may not be said. "But that may not be falling off, but he'll wing it downfield. He's easy because they rank second against the

He added: "If we can't run, we will have a very slim chance to win. But if we can run, Carters - Anthony with his quiet, consistent we'll be all right. Then we'll be able to throw excellence, and Cris with his acrobatic the ball at our choosing and at distances we catches. For rushing they have a talented like."

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Roderick Rhodes slam-dunked two of his 20 points in Kentucky's 107-82 rout of Vanderbilt,

Costly Victory for Kentucky

The Associated Press

It's hard to imagine a teamrouting a ranked opponent in its conference opener and then immediately searching for a reason to feel good about it.

That's exactly the case with fourth-ranked Kentucky, which beat No. 22 Vanderbill 107-82 Tuesday night and then began to hope it can remain in the national title chase if center Rodney Dent is lost for the season with a knee injury.

"It was a great win, but it was a big blow for our basketball team," said Coach Rick Pitino. "It's bigger than any of you could ever imagine. At least for now we have got to lift the spirits up."
The 6-foot-11 (2.1-meter)

Dent injured his left knee in the first half. Dent, averaging 11.3 have tests to determine the extent of the injury.

The Wildcats (10-1), winning their eighth straight game, went from a 52-42 halftime advantage to 59-42 in the opening 1:16 on Rod Rhodes' two layups and

Tony Delk's 3-pointer. Vanderbilt (7-3) got no closer than 88-64 on Chris Lawson's No. 8 Massachusetts 71, Rutgers 59: Lou Roe scored 20 points and Mike Williams 16 as the visiting Minutemen beld off the Scarlet Knights for their sev-

enth straight victory.

Massachusetts (10-1, 2-0 Atlantic 10) led 41-26 at balfrime and seemed on the way to an easy victory. But Rutgers (3-5, 0-

COLLEGE BASKETBALL 1) made several small runs in the

second half and twice got within five points.
No. 11 Louisville 132, George Mason 87: Dwayne Morton

scored 31 points and DeJuan Wheat 20 as the Cardinals proved to be a rude host. It was George Mason that came in averaging close to 100 points a game, but it was Louisville that

George Mason (5-6) came out firing at the rate of a shot every 10 seconds. Louisville (9-1) was down by eight points midway through the half, but picked up the pace in a 20-9 surge for its first lead, 44-43 with 5:30 left in

the half. Louisville broke the school scoring record of 126 set in 1971 against St. Peter's.

Maryland 91, No. 12 Georgia Tech 88: Joe Smith and Keith Booth had baskets and Johnny Rhodes two free throws to shortcircuit a rally by the Yellow Jackets (9-2).

Tech never led in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both teams. But the Jackets went on a 14-0 run, keyed by two 3point baskets by Travis Best and five points by James Forrest, to cut the deficit to 73-69 and then got it to 81-80, but Smith, Booth and Rhodes put visiting Mary-land back in front by seven.

No. 16 Connecticut 77, Georgetowa 65: Donyell Marshall scored 29 points, and the Huskies (12-1, 2-0 Big East) held the visiting Hoyas (7-4, 1-2) scoreless for seven minutes in the

first half. lanova 84: The Eagles hit 12 of 17 3-pointers and shot 63 percent overall, but it was their secondhalf defense that proved decisive

against the visiting Wildcats. Trailing 38-35 at halftime, the Eagles (10-2, 2-0 Big East) hit four straight 3-pointers early in the second half to key a 29-15 surge. Villanova (4-5, 1-2) then got no closer than eight points.

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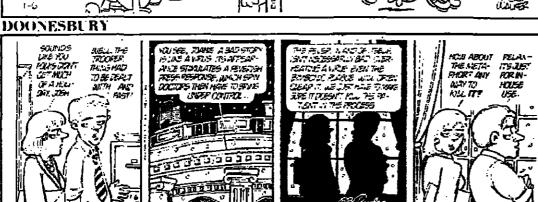


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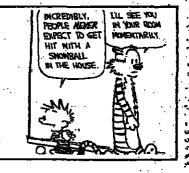


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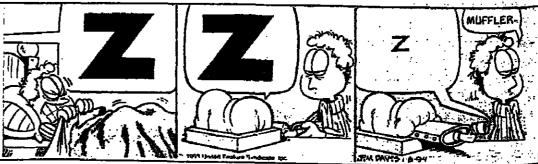
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3 Rio Soccer Teams **Quit League Amid Corruption Inquiry**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches RIO DE JANEIRO - Three of Brazil's top soccer clubs — Flamengo, Fluminense and Botafogo Brazil, not just in Rio." -have withdrawn from Rio's state soccer federation amid a state police investigation into allegations of corruption in the sport.

"The Rio Soccer Federation has lost its credibility." Flamengo's president, Luis Antônio Velloso, said on Wednesday.

The teams said they would form their own league with its own administration. Three second division Rio teams - Portuguesa, Bonsucesso and Canto do Rio - previously left the federation and also planned to join the new league.

The Fluminense president, Arnaldo Santiago, said: "We cannot and are not going to participate in a suspect championship. We are totally united and have 80 percent

The rebel clubs face a hurdle in getting official recognition from the Brazilian Football Confederation. Clubs have never been direct federations members: instead, they are affiliated with the regional federations, who are in turn affiliated with the national body.

Mennwhile, Telé Santana, who managed Brazil's 1982 and 1986 World Cup teams, on Tuesday added his name to a growing number who have called for a national investigation of corruption in Brazil-

club, told TV Bandeirantes that "corruption exists in soccer all over

Rio state police began an investigation last week into allegations that soccer referees were told to rig the outcome of key games, includ-ing qualifying rounds for the na-tional championships. On Tuesday, a referee, Claudio

Cerdeira, accused the Rio federation's director, Wagner Canazaro, of instructing him and other referees to rig results. "He told us that there must not

be any upsets — the results must always be the results that interest the federation." Cerdeira told the federation's tribunal. Canazaro, who was the federa-

tion's refereeing director at the time but has since been dismissed. denied the allegations. Nilo Batista, the state police

chief and vice governor, said the police would examine how public funds subsidizing soccer were used. Earlier this month, one referee said he was instructed to guarantee a draw in a game so both teams would gain promotion to the sec-

ond division for the national championship tournament. Corruption claims were first made by three referees in an interview with the newspaper O Globo in December. (AP, AFP, Reuters)

Compagnoni Wins Her 3d Giant Slalom

MORZINE, France - Italy's Deborah Compagnoni sounded a warning to her Olympic rivals on Wednesday, collecting her third successive World Cup giant slalom vic-tory a month before the Win-ter Games in Lillehammer.

Compagnoni, who tasted Olympic gold when she won the super-G at the 1992 Games, showed that she had lost none of her appetite in a dazzling performance that only Anita Wachter, the overall World Cup leader, came close to matching.

Fastest in each leg of the

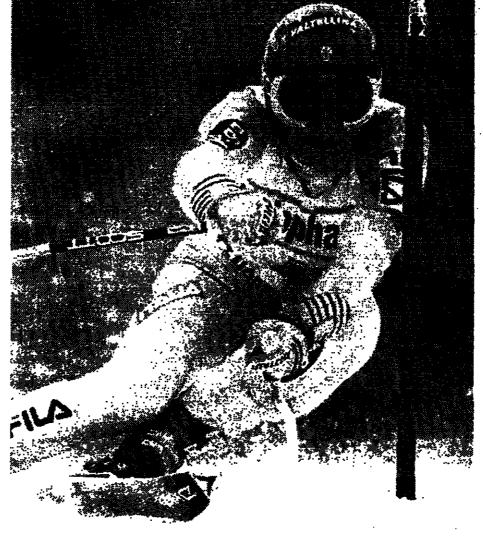
race, Compagnoni stormed to victory in two minutes, 14.47 seconds, with the Austrian 0.27 seconds behind. Heidi Voelker of the United States was third, 1.8 seconds back.

"I'm in great shape physically, I feel good in my head and I'm skiing well," said Compagnoni, 23. "What else could I ask for?" Her victory, following giant slalom triumphs in Tignes, France, and Veysonnaz, Swit-zerland, last month, showed

her as the skier to beat in the

discipline and Wachter as her

only real threat for now. Pernilla Wiberg of Sweden. the Olympic champion, was fourth after the first leg but fell near the bottom of the finai run. France's Carole Merle, world champion in the discipline, finished 25th.



Deborah Compagnoni stormed to victory on Wednesday, giving her rivals an Olympic warning.

Czechs in Final Of Mixed Tennis

6, 6-1, 6-4, on Wednesday night, against me in the past. He won it. lifting the top-seeded Czech Re- rather than me losing it." public into the final of the Hopman Cup team tennis championship.

Jana Novotna downed Nicole feat Provis. Provis, 6-2, 6-2, in the opening women's singles and Korda then clinched a winning 2-0 lead over No. 5 seed Australia by defeating Masur in just under two hours.

The Australian pair then won the meaningless mixed doubles, 8-5, in one pro set.

event twice, will face either Germany, the defending champion, or unseeded Austria in Friday night's final. The Austria-Germany semifinal will be played Thursday night. Korda, winner of last month's Grand Slam Cup, was too powerful and accurate for Masur. He moved well and used his running back-

hand to devastating effect. Korda, ranked 12th in the world to Masur's 21st scored the crucial service break in the seventh game of the final set and then kept his nerve. He said a change to a lighter racket after the first set was the key

to his victory.
"I couldn't control the heavy racket in the first set, but after the change I was able to play my shots," he said.

Masur said Korda's intelligent shot placement proved decisive. "He came back a gear and made

certain he made the big shots," Ma- -PERTH. Australia - Petr sur said. "He played a much more Korda outslugged Wally Masur, 4- mature match than he has played

> It took Novotna, the Wimbledon runner-up, only 55 minutes to de-

The Australian baseliner, a former French Open semifinalist, took a 2-1 lead in the first set but then was helpless as the powerful and persistent Novotna reeled off 10 straight games.

Novotna won for the first time in one pro set.

The Czech Republic, on target to become the first nation to win the in the same event last year.

Novotna served impressively including four aces - and kept Provis under pressure.

The Czech Republic's victory ensured the event will be won by a European team for the sixth straight year.

For the second day running, the experimental Tennis Electronic Lines worked perfectly.

The Hopman Cup is one of a series of events leading up to the Australian Open, which begins Jan.

17 in Melbourne. Qualifier Routs Sampras Pete Sampras, the world's No. 1 player, was upset by a qualifier, Karim Alami of Morocco, ranked 204th by the ATP Tour, 6-3, 2-6, 4-6 on Wednesday in the first round

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BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE—Named Pete Mackanin
manager atl Bowle of EL; Butch Wynegor
manager and Jeff Marris pilching cooch at
Albarny of SAL; and Milre O'Berry manager at
Frederick of Corolina League. Annaunced
inat Pete Hawell. Albarny iroliner; Larry
McColl, Frederick bitching cooch: Jee Durham, Frederick pilching cooch: Jee Durham, Frederick cooch; and Rudy Higelas,
Frederick trainer, will return. Agreed to
learns with Edgor Alfonso, intielder, on minorleague contract. Purchased rights to Dennis
Hood. auffielder, and Ken Arnatit, infielder,
from Thunder Boy of NL Assigned Hood to

ers. to minor-league contracts.

Netional League
COLORADO-Signed Darren Holmes.
pitcher, to 1-veor contract extension through
195.
FLORIDA—Agreed to terms with Mark
Gordner and willile Fraser, pitchers, on minor-league contracts.
SAN DIEGO-Agreed to terms with Tony
Gerrun, outlielder, on 2-veor contract extension through 1997.

GREEN BAY—Agreed to terms with Chris-Jacke, Pictor, on 3-year control extension. Signed Mille Merriweather, linebacker. KANSAS—Signed Erik McAllillan, safety. Wolved Torn Ricketts, lackle, Stored Pete Shufell, linebacker, to practice sauad. Re-

L.A. RAIDE RS—Agreed to lettins with Ed-die Anderson, sofety, and Jetf Jaeger, kicker, on 3-year contracts. Agreed to lettins with Terry McDaniel, cornerback, and Dan Turk,

tersion.
PHOENIX—Agreed to terms with Greg Dovis, kicker, on 3-year contract. Fired Erik
Widmark, pro personnel director, and Carl

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PITTSBURGH—Signed Cortion Hoseiria, ot-tensive lineman, to 3-year contract extension. Activated steve Avery, running back, from practice steva, SAN DIEGO—George O'Leary, defensive line

Les Angeles 1 2 2—5
First Period: L.A.-Blake 9 (Gretzky, Granato): Q-Foale 2 (Sokic, Kavolenko), Second Pefiod: L.A.-Robitolile 19 (Kurrt, Gretzky); (pp.).
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ITALIAN CUP

Hood, outlielder, and Ken Arnold, infielder, from Thunder Boy of NL. Assigned Hood to Rochester of It. and Arnold in Bowle. CLEVELAND—Promoted Mark Shapira. manoper of minor league operations, to direct to of minor league operations. TORDNTO—Signed Mike Timlin, pitcher, in 1-ver controct, and Dennis Grav, pitcher, and Shawn Green and Brent Bowers, outfield-ers, to minor league contracts.

National Sosketball Association CHICAGO—Activated Will Perdue, center, from Injured list. Put Bill Contwelcht, center, on Injured list. Walved Jo Ja Enalish, guard.

N.Y. JETS—Agreed to terms with Johnny ohnson running back, on?-year contract ex-

attan Hoke assistant tootball coaches NORTH CAPOLINA ST.—Nomed Cary Ge-dette outside linebacker coach. NORTH TEXAS—Named Craig Helwig

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OHIO STATE-Extended contract at Noncy Dorsch, women's basketball coach, through 1997-98 season. Released Travis McGuire, treshman rumling back, from his

SAN DIESCO—Coorse Crueary, detensive time cooch, resigned, to occept a position as detensive coordinator and detensive line cooch at Georgia Tech University, Announced the resignation of Jack Relity, our ferbacks cooch and possing some coordinator.

SAN FRANCISCO—Signed John Toylor, resiluer, and Royal Jones trickle and by Australia. PRINCETON-Robert J. Mystik, a PURDUE-

ceiver, and Brent Janes, tight end, to 4-year controct extensions; Merton Hanks and Do mien Russell, defensive backs, Ralph Tomm SAN DIEGO ST.—Named LeCharts

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contract extensions, and Kort Wilson, defensive and, and Derrick Deese, guard, to 2-year contract extensions.

SEATTLE—Stened Eugene Robinson, sofety, and Tracy Johnson, fullback, to 2-year contract extensions and Terry Wooden, limebacker, to 3year contract extension.
TAMPA BAY—Sleve Shafer, defensive backs

TAMPA BAY—Steve Shafer, defensive backs couch, has resigned, effective of and second, to accept detensive coordinator and secondary couch positions of San Diego State University. Jeff Fitzserold, assistant cooch, resigned, effective of and season, to accept linebackers cooch coeffice of San Diego State. WASHINGTON—Agreed to terms with Jim Lachey, tackle, on 5-year contract extension and Ricky Sanders, receiver, on 3-year contract extensions. Fired Richie Pattition, head cooch.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BUFFALO—Sent Philippe Boucher, defense
non, and James Block, carter, to Rochester a
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DALLAS—Seel Brad Berry, detensement and Neil Bradv. center, to Kalamazzo. IHL
HARTFORD—Sent Mille Lenarduzzo, gool-lender, to Springsleid, AHL
N.Y. ISLANDERS—Recoiled Chris Luango, Iram Soft Lake City. of IHL.
OTTAWA—Recoiled Andy Schneider, left wing, and Gree Pankevicz, right wing, from Prince Edward Island, AHL Signed Brad Lauer, left wing, and Herb Roolon, right wing.
PITTSBURGH—Recoiled Raberte Romano.
sooile, and Ed Potterson, right wing, from Cleveland of IHL. Recoiled Justin Duberman, right wing, from Cleveland of IHL. ALCOHOLICS AMONYMOUS English spending meetings draft. Tel: PARIS (1) 46 34 59 65 or ROME 678 0320 or FRANKPURT 5974265.

Cleveland of IHL. Recalled Justin Duberman, right wing, from Cleveland of IHL.
QUEBEC-Sent Paton Schulte, left wing, to
Cornwall of AHL.
Suspended Claude Loppinte, center, for refusing
to attend practice. Recalled Rene Corbet, left
wing, from Carnwall of AHL.
\$7. LOUIS-Recalled Nothern LoFavette,
forward, from Peoria IHL,
WASHINGTON—Recalled Steve Konowalchuk, center, from Portland of AHL. Assigned
Shawn Anderson, defensement, to Portland.

COLLEGE

BELMONT ABBEY—Michael Reidy, athletics director, resigned, offective Immediately. Named Fired Doberts, vice president for student life, interior athletics director,
BETHUNE-COOKMAN—Sylvester Collins, football cooch, will not return next secson/lamed Jack McCialrent football cooch
CAL POLY-SAN LUIS OBISPO—Named Phil Earley and Eric Jackson ossistant football cooches.
CLARION—Named Malen Luke football cooches. COLLEGE

en's valleyball cooch.
FRESNO STATE—Trent Differ, funior auarier back, will give up senior year to enter NFL draft.
FLORIDA ST.—Marquette Smith. Junior soccer couch. IDAHO 5T.—Fired Kyle Willinghom, defer

sive coordinator. Gary Anderson, delensiv line coach, resigned. KENTUCKY WESLEYAN—Named Joh Johnson tootball cooch.

LIVINGSTONE—Delano Tucker, athletic director and tootball cooch, resigned.

MARYLAND—Fired Larry Slade, defendent cooch: and Dave unacceptable as special fears cooch, special fears cooch, MISSOUP!—Announced that Poul O'Liney.

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able for rest of secsor SYRACUSE-Named Norm Gerber

UC SANTA BARBAPA—Chris Ford, guord,

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am on a crowded bus and I'm on my way to New York to visit my friend Noodly, but I may not get there. Everyone on the bus is staring at

me — they think they're better than I am — but am better than they are because underneath my coat I have a semiautomatic. and if they don't stop staring at

me they are going to know who Buchwald

I bought the Glock 17 at a gun

A nice guy sold it to me for \$300 instead of the ticket price, which was \$550. I showed the dealer Noodly's driving license, the one he

Noonly's driving license, the one he stole out of a guy's car in Astoria, and there were no questions asked. The dealer said. "What are you going to shoot with the Glock?" I replied, "Clay pigeons." He had a fit laughing. "That gun takes 17 bullets in its musering." he led me bullets in its magazine," he told me.
"You're going to wipe out the entire shooting range with it."
I chuckled, "Maybe I'll shoot some bats, too."

Then the man showed me special bullets that exploded when they hit a body. He informed me that there was a run on this type of ammo, and he was selling only eight boxes per customer. I couldn't say no, so I asked him to gift-wrap them with

what's good about the Glock is that you can hide it under your shirt or jacket. The TEC-9, which Noodly keeps under his pillow for self-defense, has a 20-round magazine and 9mm snout. What Noodly likes about it

Song Royalties Go to Heirs

The Associated Press NEW YORK - A federal judge has ruled that more than \$100,000 in royalties generated by the 1926 hit song "When the Red, Red Robin Comes Bob-Bob-Bobbin' Along" since 1982 belong to the heirs of the composer Harry Woods, who sold the melody and the lyrics to a music publishing

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WASHINGTON — Warning is that it will take a silencer or a barrel extension. The only thing I barrel extension. The only thing I don't like about it is when you carry one everybody can see it and then some spoilsport calls the cops and before you know it you're trying to explain all about the TEC to people who don't know diddly damn about weapons.

> I'll tell you what else I don't like. It's that guy sitting across from me who keeps looking at me as if I'm nuts or something. I have a good mind to show him my Glock and see him dive for the door.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not the kind of person who wants to use his gun on every Tom, Dick and Harry on the bus. At the same time, peo ple who ride buses are always askng for it. If I shoot it's going to be because they looked at me funny. If one of them bumps into me when the bus stops — he has no chance of getting off alive.

Sometimes when I'm carrying my Glock underneath my shirt the cold steel gives me goose bumps. I'm tempted to take it out and get off a few rounds in the back of the bus. Other times, just rubbing my stom-ach with it makes me feel warm.

You didn't notice, but a passenger just got on the bus and he looked like somebody who doesn't have any use for people like me. My father was like that, and so was my mother. They never would give me the right time. I have my hand under my shirt, and if that guy so much as glances in my direction he'll be sorry he bought a bus ticket.

You know what I think? Everyone should carry a Glock 17. That way no one will have to take any garbage from anybody who boards a bus. I haven't made up my mind yet about whether or not I am going to fire my weapon, though I'm get-ting pretty tired of just sitting here. I'll tell you something. It's the people behind me that I dislike the

most because they're looking at the back of my head. They think I can't see them, which is a damn lie and makes me so mad that I have to bite my tongue to stop screaming that they've looked at me long enough.

When you read the papers to-morrow, say that what I did was in self-defense. If I didn't have my Glock. I know that everybody on this bus would try to shoot me.



By David Streitfeld Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — Words can be just as evil as deeds, the influential anti-

pornography theorist Catharine MacKinnon asserts in her new book, "Only "To say it is to do it, and to do it is to say

it," writes MacKinnon, who argues that pornography causes sexual violence and therefore should be banned So when reviewer Carlin Romano, writing in The Nation, provocatively raised the idea of raping MacKinnon to prove that thoughts and deeds do differ, her response

followed quite naturally. "This was a public rape," MacKinnon said. "What Romano did was place me in the position of a raped woman so that he had me where he wanted me. . . . All women are hurt by this. It changes the public boundaries for the treatment of

Romano responded: "She's gone from saying pornography is rape to saying book reviewing is rape. Catharine MacKinnon's mind is one long slippery slope."

In the seven weeks since the review appeared, it has mushroomed into a vituperative cause célèbre that mirrors the larger debate in feminist, legal and jour-nalistic circles about pornography and the First Amendment. Romano's review has become for some feminists a symbol of those who just don't get it.

"What we're seeing here is the increasing penetration into the mainstream media of what previously was only done by por-nographers," charged MacKinnon. She's not exactly defenseless, however.

A number of groups and individuals have taken up her cause, at least one of them at her invitation. The writer and First Amendment fan Nat Hentoff, whose surname was appropriated in Romano's review as one of her fictional assailants, received a letter from MacKinnon. "Please disavow this rape of me in your name," she

Hentoff complied with a Village Voice column headlined "The Public Rape of Catharine MacKinnon." He wrote: "The rape - hypothetical or fantasy or whatever - was a rape. . . . Romano deliberately, cruelly, set out to debase Catharine MacKinnon's person, along with her ideas. It was not a rape that will land him in a cell, but his name will be connected with it for a long time."

That's a promise made by Jeffrey Masson as well, in a letter that was sent to Romano. Masson — a writer who has become best known for his libel case against the New Yorker writer Janet Malcolm - rose to defend the woman he lives



Catharine MacKinnon took exception to "verbal rape" in a review.

"If there is ever anything I can do to hurt your career, I will do it," Masson wrote, adding that he wanted to "grab" and "shake" and "hurt" Romano.

MacKinnon echoed that position. "I do think Carlin Romano should be held ac-countable for what he did. There are a lot of people out there and a lot of ways that

Romano began his review of "Only Words" with this dramatic sentence: Suppose I decide to rape Catharine Mackinnon before reviewing her book."

This begins a complicated conceit in which he decides not to rape ber ("People simply won't understand"), and instead does "the next best thing: I imagine the act." He then further supposes that he writes a "savage, pornographic" review, based on his fantasy. Meanwhile, another critic is also assigned MacKinnon's book

This fellow, given the suggestive name of Dworkin Hentoff after two prominent defenders of the First Amendment, "concludes that he too needs to rape Catharine MacKinnon before properly evaluating her book." Unlike Romano, he actually

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Both Romano and Dworkin Hentoff are arrested for rape. Not fair, points out the jailed Romano: All I did was imagine it. Dworkin Hentoff really did it. But in the world of Catharine MacKimon, both are

equally guilty.

The "Dworkin" side of the rapist has been variously attributed to MacKinnon colleague Andrea Dworkin or MacKinnon opponent Ronald Dworkin. Romano deed it was specifically meant to suggest

The critic's review, after its unusual opening premise, accuses MacKinnon of having "a sensibility so soaked in gender hatred, and so convinced of foolish generalizations about male psychology, that she threatens to become the Lyndon La-Rouche of sexual discrimination law." For good measure, he calls her reasoning "of-ten specious," her empirical claims "often suspect," her values "dogmatic" and "her view of sex and the good society . . rarishingly insular."

Romano, a book critic for the Philadelphia Inquirer who is currently a visiting fellow at Harvard, said he anticipated a strong reaction to the review. "I just hoped some of it would be more subtle. . . . Let's not forget my offensiveness was a

response to her offensiveness about men in Only Words. I at least treated her as a thinker in my review. She treats men as spare parts attached to penises." He also accused her of trivializing.

"Real rape seems unimportant when the word gets watered down," said Romano, who is almost as controversial in the world of book reviewing as MacKinnon is in her

MacKinnon answered: "He's just using raped women to cover himself. That's really offensive."

The Nation has gotten at least 50 letters about the review, had five subscriptions canceled and received demands for an apology from at least two men's anti-por-

nography groups.
One letter, from Polly Poskin of the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, summed up some of the Romano-as-rapist

"The only difference between Romano and a rapist is that I can wad Romano up, spit on him, and throw him in the trash; if I hit a rapist, he may kill me. But how fine is the line between words and action? What about those who choose not to close the magazine, the book, turn off the TV? They might decide it really would be just fine to do the same thing to me. And then will do it.

Victor Navasky, editor of The Nation, said he remained proud of the review. "Once every couple of years, you publish something that deeply touches people," he said. "Often, it has to do with the use of satire or irony, and people taking it literal-

Romano was far from the only critic to attack "Only Words." In fact, it was widely vilified. This was no surprise to the editor of the book at Harvard University Press, Lindsay Waters. "Asking people in the media to review MacKinnon is a little

the media to review Mackinnon is a little like asking the tobacco industry to review a report linking cancer and smoking," he said. "It's not likely to end up positive."

Nevertheless, the University of Michigan Law School professor has an increasingly wide following. She has been credited with influencing the Canadian Supreme Court of controls that controls the controls. Court to greatly strengthen that country's obscenity laws in 1992. It was more important to ben speech that is dehumanizing to women, the court said, than to protect free

MacKinnon and her supporters "have vowed to pursue similar rulings in the United States," Nadine Strossen, president of the American Civil Liberties Union, observed in the Chronicle of Higher Education in July. "Moreover, some leading constitutional scholars have predicted that this strategy will altimately

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Hollywood Who's Who As Told by Heidi Fleix

Heidi Fleiss, the Hollywood madam, told Vanity Fair that the actor Best 10 Charlie Sheen wanted prostingles dressed as cheerleaders and producer Jon Peters "got girls for every-one." Fleiss said Shannen Doherty and IMF wanted to hire prostitutes for a fian-ce's bachelor party — which fiance is not clear — but would only pay \$200 each, so Fleiss hung up on her. (Her rates started at \$1,500 a night.)
Doherty's publicist said the actress
did ask a Fleiss associate — not White Sire Line Fleiss herself -about hiring women "to jump out of a cake or some-thing." Fleiss contends that Doberty White family the wanted girls who were "pretty -but not too pretty." "She said, "I only want to pay \$200 apiece. I said, "Why don't you do it yourself? And I hung up on her."

Howard Stern has decided not to do a late-night TV talk program. according to an associate of the raunchy radio performer. The content of Stem's New Year's Et.: special may have been partly responsible for cooling discussions between Stem and the Fox network, but far more significant were recent fines by the Federal Communications Commission because of his radio show.

Roger Chinton, the brother of President Bill Clinton, has come forward with a book idea: "Growing Up Clinton: The First Brother's Sto-His agent said that, so far, the book had been turned down by sev-en of the 17 publishers who had received the proposal. No word yes from the 10 others. . . And Gest-nifer Flowers still hasn't found a publisher for her account of her relationship with Clinton.

After "Jurassic Park" was criticized as anti-science and "Rising Sun" was slammed as Japan-bash ing Michael Crichton is braced for the reaction to his latest work, about a male executive who is falsely accused of sexual harassment by his female boss. "Disclosure," due out this week, challenges "a kind of in-tellectual protectionism where things aren't debated," he said.

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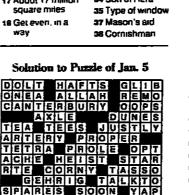
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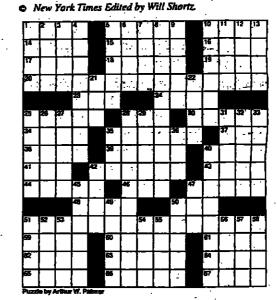
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